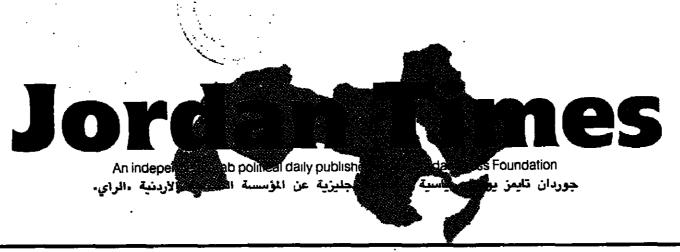
WASHINGTON (R) — West Germany's foreign and defence ministers, pressing for speedy East-West talks on cutting short-range nuclear arms, presented their views to a sceptical U.S. government Monday. The disagreement over talks on short-range nuclear forces (SNF) has created a deep split in the NATO alliance, with Washington and London strongly opposed to Boan's position. Bresident George Bush, travelling to Chicago aboard Air Force One, appealed to West Germany for unity in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. "My appeal to the Germans has been that we keep NATO together, that we stay together... I talked to (Chancellot Helmut) Kohl the end of last week, and he knows my view that there must not be any unilateral, fait accompli here," Bush told reporters. In a radio interview recorded before leaving for the short-notice visit to Washington, Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genecher said it was in NATO's interest to negotiate balanced East-West SNF cuts because the Soviet snort-range arsenal is now vastly superior. He and Defence Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg were presenting their case and discussing other arms control issues with Secretary of State James Baker and other U.S. officials, a U.S. te balanced East-West SNF cuts because the Soviet short-range



Iran to amend constitution

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's supreme leader Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini appointed a 20-man committee Monday to revise the constitution. Tehran Radio quoted Khomeini as saying in a letter to President Ali Khamenei that mittee was to complete its work within two months and the revised constitution would be put to a referendum. He said issues to be discussed by the committee would include the leadership of Iran, centralisation of executive and judicial powers, reform of state radio and television and revision of the number of parliament deputies. Calls for the revision of the 1979 constitution were made after Khomeini, 86, sacked his designated successor Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri last month, leaving a potential successor Ayatolian Hossem All Montazert last month, leaving a potential power vacuum in case of his early death. Iranian newspapers reported that one proposed amendment — backed by Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akhar Hashemi Rafsanjani, tipped to become president in August elections — called for elimination of the premiership to centralise executive power in the hands of the president. Rafsanjani and Khamenei, as well as Chief Justice Abdol Karim Mousavi Ardebili, were among the officials Khomeini appointed to the committee.

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His Majesty King Hussein Monday confers with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh in a

meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan (Petra photo)

Thanks N. Yemen for its support for Jordan

King briefs Saleh on talks in France, U.S.

AMMAN (Petra) - North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh Monday paid a brief visit to Amman and held a meeting with His Majesty King Hussein, who briefed him on the outcome of

his visits to France and the United States. The King also reassured the president about the situation in the Kingdom following several days of

unrest in some parts of the country. Jordan, which has transcended the difficult

appreciation to the North Yemeni president for his concern and thanked the Yemeni government and people for their support.

The meeting was attended by His Royal High-

ness Crown Prince Hassan, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the King's political advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, and the King's private advisor Amer Khammash.

The Yemeni president was accompanied on the visit by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Karim Al

King empowers ministry chiefs to run affairs until new cabinet is appointed

Rifai government resigns

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday accepted the resignation of the government of Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and entrusted the secretaries-general of the various ministries to run the affairs of their respective ministries until a new government is appointed.

his resignation, King Hussein paid tribute to the outgoing Cabinet for its endeavours over the past four years and for its efforts to carry out its duty and maintain the momentum of development and progress.

Following are highlights of the King's message to Rifai: "I send you and your col-

leagues my greetings and express deep appreciation to you for shouldering the responsibility of the government over the past years, exerting most sincere efforts to pursue and fulfil the Kingdom's goals and aspirations. "I have known you over the

past years as a statesman sincere-

In a message to Rifai accepting ly working for his country and is resignation. King Hussein capable of shouldering the responsibility and achieving the nation's sublime objectives.

"You have shouldered the responsibility under very difficult

Situation normal,

King reassures Assad

AMMAN (Petra) -- His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a

telephone call from Syrian President Hafez Al Assad who conveyed

to him congratulations over his return from visits to France and the

The King reassured the Syrian leader that the situation was had

returned to normal after the regrettable events in some of the towns

in the Kingdom and thanked him for his concern and support.

and critical circumstances that required comprehensive review of the Kingdom's economic policies and its new directions and its plans at the national level. You have shouldered the task despite the difficulties that faced the region's economy and its negative effects on our economic march. You have exerted all possible efforts to execute our directives and our policies to end inter-Arab differences and mobilise Arab efforts. You helped start a new era of inter-Arab detente which began in Amman and re-

sulted in the formation of the

Arab Cooperation Council

suing cooperation among Arab tions with the rest of the world countries and which is considered as a luminairy in Arab solidarity. This step will no doubt open the road towards further interaction among Arab states at all levels.

'These efforts also led to the establishment of a strong basis for Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation on solid foundations of mutual respect and mutual assistance and support, providing all possible help to the Palestinian people's steadfastness in the occupied Arab territories where our brothers are struggling against occupation for freedom and independence.

"It is quite normal for our country to see different responsible groups and personalities taking turns in shouldering the responsibility to continue the process of construction and development. I express my deepest appreciation for your relentless efforts over the past years in shouldering the responsibilities and serving as a dear brother and a loyal soldier.

"In accepting the resignation of your government, I wish you and your colleagues the best wishes for success. I am confident that you will always be ready to serve this country at any post at any

Following are major excerpts from Rifai's letter of resignation:

Your Majesty the King, "I send you, Sir, my most sincere wishes and express my affection and sincere loyalty, wishing you success in the leadership of our nation.

'When Your Majesty entrusted me with the responsibility of the government over four years ago to serve under your leadership. I prayed to God to grant me the power to shoulder this heavy responsibility. All through the past years I have been praying to God to help me

fulfil my duties. "I have worked under your wise guidance and directives, and devoted my time and effort to serve you and the Kingdom, feeling continuously attached to Your Majesty.

"I have watched Your Majesty working day and night for serving this country and deeply in thought about means of achieving the best for your countrymen and their progress and prosperity in an atmosphere marked with stability and security.

You have constantly worked and still work towards serving the whole Arab Nation and solving its problems. You have devoted vour time and efforts to bolster Arab solidarity and to transform this solidarity into a stage marked with consensus and agreement.

"Your Majesty's efforts have been crowned with success with the creation of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) - the dream of the past, the reality of

today and the hope of tomorrow. 'Your Majesty have advocated the Arab Nation's stand at all levels and in all countries in the East and the West and in the capitals of the major world pow-

(ACC), which is aimed at pur- ers. As a result, Jordan's relahave acquired an ideal and bright

image.
"Over the past years, my colleagues and I in the government have spared no time or efforts in our endeavour to serve this

"I have ensured throughout these years that all the ministries and their various departments and organisations worked with devotion and in close cooperation shouldering their duties for attaining the common welfare.

"With the grace of God and through continued guidance from Your Majesty we were able to attain a great deal at all levels despite the hardships on the domestic and foreign levels. These accomplishments were attained with the sincere and diligent work of the Jordanian people and their determination to

pursue the goal of development. "Having served for over four years in constant and relentless efforts I have felt that that I should take leave and submit my resignation as prime minister. I feel quite satisfied with all the work I did in serving Your Majes-

ty and the country "As I beg that Your Majesty accept this resignation, I again express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Your Majesty for your love and kindness accorded to my colleagues and myself over

these years." The King held a meeting with the secretaries-general of the various ministries later Monday. for an end to "recklessness and raillery" and urged them to "continue constructive action and progress towards overcoming the present difficult financial circumstances that our country is

passing through." "We have learned a lot from the stage we passed through and our duty is to work quickly, confidently and positively towards achieving our aspirations," the

King said. The King also called for mobilising everybody's efforts "in our dear homeland to conduct a comprehensive national review face the challenges ahead of us, and jointly build our homeland re-

lying on ourselves."
"We are in the stage of reorganising everything," the King said and called for sharing responsibility and burdens "to enable ourselves to stand up and preserve our freedom, existence and gains, and protect the freedom of decision-making as well as adoption of positions which preserve our country, ensure its development and progress, and enable us to stand alongside our brothers, the sons of Palestine, and support

them with all the might we have." The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Royal Court Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the King's adviser for Political Affairs Adnan Abu Odeh and the King's Private Adviser Amer Khammash.

Sharaa confirmed Syria's parti-

Asked by the UAE agency

it, Sharaa said: "Syria views

cipation in the summit Monday

before leaving for a two-day visit

whether Syria would object to

Egypt's participation at the sum-

relations with Egypt as develop-

ing positively and satisfactorily."

circumstances and the passing crisis, is back to normal now, the King said. He also voiced his Iryani and two other senior officials. 18 Palestinians shot in Gaza Strip

Israelis rampage through Hebron

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israelis rampaged through Hebron in the occupied West Bank Monday, smashing shop and car windows, and in the occupied Gaza Strip, hospitals said Israeli troops shot and wounded at least 18 Palestinians on the third successive day of heavy casualties.

Arab and Jewish witnesses said Israelis broke 30 shop windows and 20 car windscreens in Hebron after their three buses came under attack.

The rampage through Hebron. the West Bank's second largest city and a stronghold of hardline Jewish settlers, was the second incident in three days in which Jews were accused of retaliating against Pulestinians who stoned

Police are questioning Jews from the Nili settlement in the West Bank suspected of setting fire to two buildings and smashing windows in the nearby village of Khirbata Saturday night.

Palestinians in Hebron ran to their rooftops and shouted for help when the Israelis hurled back the stones that had struck the bus, the army and Arabs said. Troops fired tear-gas to break

in the West Bank village of Deir Al Sudan, the army said troops shot dead a Palestinian suspected of resistance activity when he fled while being arrested

overnight.
In Gaza, hospital emergency rooms were filled with injured Palestinians — several of them children — and their families. Reuter journalist Taher Shriteh

Mothers searched for their missing sons, believing they might be injured.

Half of those hurt during clashes between troops and stone-throwing protesters in Gaza were shot with rubber-coated round metal bullets. Casualties have been unusually

high in Gaza since the start of the fasting month of Ramadan April At least 38 were wounded Sunday and 18 Saturday. An unofficial count by Reuters out the Gaza casualties at eight

killed and 137 wounded by army gunfire since April 7. A doctor at Ahli hospital, Kamili Al Ajadba, told Reuters:

"We have begun receiving many casualties under 16 years old. The Jews are now trying to terrify the new generation.'

An Israeli army officer, mean-

Palestinian vehicles in the village of Beit Sahour where he was posted as a lookout, the army announced Monday.

An army spokesman would not give the officer's name and rank or say what his punishment was. Army radio said he was given a 42-day suspended sentence.

The army later confirmed that "a couple of Israelis" attacked cars and shops in Hebron. Arab reporters said the Israelis

smashed all the windows in at least 15 cars and a Hebron shopkeeper said six stores in the city. were damaged. "Some youths stoned the bus,

and most of the Israelis in the buses got out carrying clubs and iron bars and started smashing the cars parked in the street," the shopkeeper, Marwan Abu Shalyoun, said.

I went to one man and tried to stop him from smashing my car. but a soldier ordered me back to my shop," he said.

Israel army radio said the Israelis were hikers from the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikva.

There were no injuries in the incident, the spokesman said, but the army declared a curfew on the city of 79,000 ordering residents

Beirut alight again;

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Water and power supplies were restored Monday to Beirut where a group of deputies from the divided Lebanese parliament, mostly Muslims, met to echo a plea by Christian colleagues for a truce and a dialogue.

The city's battered streets bustled with activity as people reverted to normal business on a seventh day of calm after five weeks of savage artillery bombardments between the Syrian army and Lebanese militias, and mainly Christian soldiers of army commander Michel

Aoun. The coastal highway south of Beirut was chocked with traffic as thousands of people who led the fighting returned to check on homes and relatives while others, fearing a new flareup, tried to leave.

A French tanker delivered fuel to the Christian-controlled power station of Zouk, which supplies most of Lebanon. The plant stopped operations, cutting off running water services, a week ago when it ran out of reserves.

Fifteen deputies met at the home of Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini in west Beirut and were expected to issue a statement calling for a truce in Lebanon. Sources at the meeting said they endorsed a call by 23 dovish Christian deputies last week for the promotion of dialogue instead of violence.

Patriarch Boutros Sfeir, who chaired the Christian meeting, and the deputies who attended failed to support demands by Aoun for the withdrawal of the estimated 40,000 Syrian soldiers in Lebanon.

In Kuwait, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who heads an Arab League mediation committee on Lebanon, said it would propose sending an observer force to monitor a ceasefire.

The committee, which has met Lebanese political and religious leaders, is due to report to an Arab League foreign ministers meeting in Tunis Wednesday.

Arab observer force

Sheikh Sabah last week denied Kuwaiti newspaper reports that the Arab League committee sought to assemble an Arab deterrent force to intervene in Lebanon.

He told reporters Monday: "The observer force will not be a deterrent one, but rather a symbolic force assigned to oversee a ceasefire."

The truce would be an interim step aimed at stabilising the situation in Lebanon until a

political solution is worked out. with provisions for arranging presidential elections and the formation of a coalition government to work out political reforms.

"All Arab states will contribute to this force, both in terms of manpower and finance, and will not be confined to the six member countries forming the committee," Sheikh Sabah He did not say how big the

observer force would be. But Abu Dhabi's Al Ittihad daily said last week it would comprise 26 observers under a seven-point peace plan. Sheikh Sabah, who was due

to leave for Tunis Tuesday, said the Arab League committee, which also comprises the foreign ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria and Sudan, will meet in Tunis before the full conference to finalise its re-

Gulf-based officials said the Arab League proposals included convening round-table talks after the ceasefire between all factions to work towards national reconciliation.

Parliament would then meet to elect a speaker and a president committed to reforming the Christian-dominated poli-

Syria to attend Morocco summit

to India.

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Syria will attend an emergency Arab summit in Morocco next month, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa said Monday. Sharaa did not answer directly

when asked whether Damascus would agree to Egypt's presence at the summit, which has been called by King Hassan of Могоссо.

But he told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency WAM that Syria saw relations with Egypt developing satisfactorily and positively.

The emergency summit will also try to seek an end to Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war in addition to discussing developments in the Palestinian problem.

Sharaa said Syria does not want Egypt to attend the proposed summit on Lebanon, but would not object to its participation in future Arab summits.

But Sharaa confirmed reports of a Syrian-Palestinian rapprochement following mediation efforts . Mark on your calendar

BANI HAMIDA WEAVING **EXHIBITION** 12th & 13th May At Abu Jaber Estate (Airport Highway)

while, was convicted of stoning to remain indoors. Palestinians say polls should herald state OCCUPIED JERUSALEM Israeli troop withdrawal.

(Agencies) - Prominent Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied territories told Italian Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita Monday they would agree to elections as a first step to a Palestinian state.

Ten activists from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip met de Mita and later hinted to reporters they might rethink their rejection of elections under Israeli occupation provided a subsequent troop withdrawal was agreed in adv-

"We said we are not against the principle of elections but we can't accept the conditions as set down by (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir," said leading nationalist Faisal Al Husseini. Shamir, in a plan disclosed this

month in the United States, propused elections in the occupied areas to choose Palestinians who would negotiate an interim period of self-rule with Israel. The Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation has not ruled out elections but set the conditions of international supervision and

"We told Mr. de Mita that if there is a package deal of more than one step and at the end we saw there was a Palestinian state. then it is not so important if the elections are the first step or the second or third. "If there is no such compléte

package then we can accept elections only after an end to occupation," Husseini said. He declined to go into details

but newspaper editor Hanna Siniora also spoke of a "process of withdrawal of forces." Israeli officials have said the

notion of withdrawing forces before elections was a "non-starter," adding that Washington agreed. The Palestinians said de Mita,

told them he believed Shamir's proposal was ambiguous but worthy of study. Arab Journalists Association head Radwan Abu Ayyash said: "Mr. de Mita said elections might

at least make the process move forward. Another participant, Hikmet Minister Shimon Peres.

Al Masri of Nablus, said Palestinians wanted to know the final result of Shamir's plan before agreeing to take part in elections. "If we know that the elections

trustees of Al Najah University. Gabi Baramki, acting president of Birzeit University in the West Bank, called on Italy to press for reopening the schools and colleges for more than 300,000 Palestinian students who have

been out of classes for most of the

will end in establishment of a

Palestinian state, we agree to it."

said Masri, head of the board of

16-month uprising. "Italy has cultural and educational relations with Israel," Baramki said. "Italians must threaten to break these links until Israel opens the schools and uni-

De Mita's meeting with the Palestinians followed a tour of Jerusalem's Old City. He held a luncheon meeting later with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens. He also met with Finance



deputies urge truce

Afghan rebels step up rocket attacks to mar revolution anniversary

KABUL (Agencies) — Afghan guerrillas have stepped up rocket attacks on Kabul days before the anniversary of the coup which installed a communist government and ushered in a turbulent era which has claimed one million lives.

Two explosions echoed over Kabul Monday, sending columns of dust into the cloudy sky, as government troops blasted at rebel positions in the snowcapped mountains ringing the capital.

Mujahedeen rebels are using rockets which spray lethal sharpnel over a wide area, killing as many people as possible without

damaging property.
At least 15 people have died and 21 have been wounded in attacks on the city of 2.5 million in the past four days.

On Thursday, one of the usually inaccurate rockets scored adirect hit on the Soviet embassy. blowing out windows but injuring no-one.

The pro-Soviet government of President Najibullah has invited hundreds of foreign guests and journalists to attend the 11th anniversary April 27 of the military takeover known as the Saur

Revolution. Kabul's muddy streets have been decorated with red flags and banners to commemorate the day officers stormed the presidential palace, killing President Moham-

mud Daoud and his family. "The extremists (Mujahedeen) usually increase their attacks around this time to make their

presence felt especially when foreign guests are in Kabul to take part in the anniversary.

government spokesman Mohammad Amani said. Most of the rockets land on Kheir Khana, a sprawling district

near the airport. The attacks have failed to disrupt life in the Afghan capital where streets are packed with hawkers selling vegetables and shoppers searching for bargains in the face of ever-rising prices.

"Why should I be frightened. If God wants me to live on I will emerge unscathed from a hail of bullets," said Habibullah, a Kheir Khana resident.

We have learned how to live with the attacks," said a young shopkeeper whose store has been riddled with shrupnel.

Pakistan denies report

Meanwhile, in Islamabad, Pakistani officials denied a U.S. newspaper report that Pakistan in March had ordered Afghan guer-rillas to attack the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

But diplomatic sources in Kabul said there were deep divisions within Pakistan's military and government on whether the hanway Tanai said in a statement rebels should continue attacking released Sunday.

Jalalabad, which government troops have successfully de-

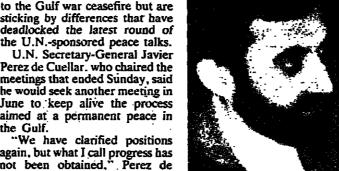
The sources said up to 8,000 rebels have died in the sevenweek-old assault, compared with just 2,000 government troops. It said the rebels were badly ournumbered.

An Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman, insisting on anonymity, said at least 265 people were killed and 123 were injured Sunday in the latest fighting between rebels and government troops in Jalalabad and three other areas - Herat in western Afghanistan and Khost and Kandahar in the

The Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman said the latest casualties in Jalalabad came when the insurgents launched attacks on government posts.

In Islamabad, a Pakistan Foreign Ministry official denied a report in the New York Times Sunday that Pakistan ordered Afghan rebels to attack Jalaiabad. The Soviet Union and Afghanistan repeatedly have accused Pakistan of aiding the insurgents in contravention of the Geneva accords under which Soviet troops ended their nineyear intervention Feb. 15.

"The Pakistani authorities emphasise that Pakistan was not involved in the war in Afghanistan. But the case is not so.' Afghan Defence Minister Sha-



again, but what I call progress has not been obtained," Perez de Cuellar said.

GENEVA (AP) -- Iran and Irao

have renewed their commitment

He held three joint meetings with the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq since Thursday. The U.N. chief told reporters both sides reassured him of their commitment "to the full implementation of Resolution 598, the upholding of the ceasefire and the pursuit of the process."

The U.N. ceasefire resolution forms the basis of the talks, which began last Aug. 25. five days after a U.N.-supervised truce took effect. They quickly stalled over competing priorities on both sides and evidently have not moved in the eight months since.

The ministers said they are ready to continue talking.

Iran's envoy, Ali Akbar Velayati, accused Iraq of blocking progress in the latest talks, partly by refusing a U.N.-proposed 15-day period for withdrawing its troops from Iranian soil. Velayati had demanded on the Iran. eve of the talks that Perez de

Cuellar set such a timetable. The U.N. estimates about by planes flying at low altitude. 1,000 square kilometres of Ira- in New York for a possible meet- supervision.

other Gulf countries, he can

take home 20 times as much

money and live much more

The financial squeeze also

makes it difficult to renovate or

expand teaching facilities and

buy supplies and equipment.

Abdul Rahman Abu Zayd.

former dean of Juba University

in southern Sudan and now

head of Omdurman National

College, said 30-year-old lih-

rary reference books are com-

mon. Some are as old as 50

to date," he said, "but books

are expensive all over the

world, and we have almost no

foreign exchange" to buy

Instruments and equipment

are in severely short supply in

institutions specialising in the

At Khartoum University's

practical sciences.

"The books are no longer up

comfortably.

years.

them.



nian territory remain under Iraqi

Aziz said Iran "refrained from

latest round, the fourth in the periodic talks, had been considered slight, partly because of

cial representative, Jan Eliasson, "will be in touch with both sides not under the neutral ICRC's

medical school, torrential rains

last August triggered floods

that ruined the anatomy

laboratory. The university has

appealed, so far unsuccessfully, to the international community

except possibly as poorly paid

teachers turning out more un-

Some pioneers are trying to change that. Abu Zayd said he

is introducing courses of study

at Omdurman National to pro-

duce graduates with technical

needed arts graduates.



ing in June" between the minis-

"I cannot say this meeting has been productive." Perez de Cuellar said. "We have clarified positions again, but what I call progress has not been obtained. But the process is still alive."

He urged both sides to show "the necessary political will to move ahead.

The issue of repatriating pris-ones of war apparently did not figure high in the latest talks.

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Cornelio Sommaruga, Saturday urged Iran and Iraq to repatriate some 100,000 prisoners of war the ICRC estimates the two sides are still holding:

Only some 700 prisoners, mostly Iranians, have returned home since the ceasefire, most of them

Khomeini to name son as successor — Rajavi

AMMAN (J.T.) — An Iranian rebel leader has said that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini intended to name his son Ahmad to succeed him as Iran's spiritual

The Baghdad-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq group, said in a telexed statement to the Jordan Times Sunday that Khomeini was removing "political, re-ligious and social obstacles standing in the way of Ahmad's nomination."

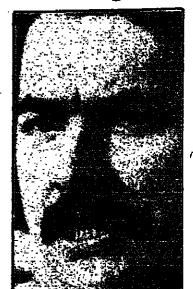
Ahmad does not hold official office, but he is Khomeini's chief aide and often sits on high-level, policy-making meetings with the brief of reporting back to his

"One of Khomeini's plans for boosting Ahmad's status is to have him participate in the upcoming electoral farce (presidential elections) next summer," Mujahedeen-e-Khalq leader Massoud Rajavi was quoted as telling the Voice of Mojahed, the radio of the rebel group.

"In this way, Khomeini intends to show that his son has the

Khomeini, 86, has no apparent heir after dismissing his designated successor, Ayatollah Hos-

sein Ali Montazeri, last month. "Khomeini intends to fill the vacuum created by Montazeri's deposal with his son, Ahmad, as his regime's sham presidential elections approach," Rajavi said. Currently, he is preparing the ground for such a ridiculous appointment - which violates his regime's constitution - by removing all the numerous religious, political, and social obstacles. The constant undermining of (Parliamentary Speaker Hashemi) Rafsanjani's position is to be seen in this light. Khomeini is attempting to implement his intent through calls and requests that seemingly come from the lower ranks of his regime, because Ahmad does not have any of the necessary qualifications for leadership, whether political, legal or otherwise. According to Khomeini's constitution, which is based on the principle of velayate-faghih (absolute rule of the



jurisprudent), Khomeini's successor must be elected from among the Shi'ite maraja'a (leading spiritual authorities).

"Rafsanjaru, who has already indicated his candidacy for the presidency, hoped to gain sufficient clout through a revision of the constitution. But that the recent request for such revisions mainly came from the 'line of the imam' faction in Khomeini's parliament was a clear outmanoeuvr-

ing of Rafsanjani," Rajavi said. Rajavi said the "Khomeini regime's deadly impasse, which demonstrates its lack of a future and the inevitability of its overthrow. consists of the fact that if he fills Montazeri's place with Rafsanjani then his regime would fall

"On the other hand, if he names his son as his successor, it would be another 'chalice of poison' that would spell the end for the entire regime and its institutions, especially since Ahmad is in no way capable of running the regime's affairs and will be the brunt of everyone's jokes as an ignorant, opiumaddicted heir. Moreover, his rise to power through his father's influence would be seen by the people as a return to the despised monarchy they overthrew for

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Lahd has second narrow escape

MARJAYOUN. Lebanon (R) — The leader of a pro-Israeli militia narrowly escaped being shot when Israeli troops fired at his convoy by mistake in South Lebanon, sources said Monday. Antoine Lahd, commander of the South Lebanon Army (SLA), escaped an assassination attempt only last November. He was shot and seriously wounded at his home in Marjayoun by a ballet teacher. Security sources said troops shot at Lahd's convoy Sunday as it approached their vehicles inside Israel's self-declared "security zone." Lahd's car was hit by "many bullets but no one was wounded." one source said. He said Israel had banned cars from approaching its convoys after a series of suicide carbomb attacks. Israeli officials later apologised to Lahd, 61, saying they had not recognised him.

Sudanese Muslim cleric jailed

KHARTOUM (AP) — A criminal court Monday jailed for two months a Muslim cleric who allegedly led a weekend arson attack on a Roman Catholic relief centre. The criminal court at Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city across the Nile River, issued the sentence after convicting the preacher of public disorder. Neither court officials nor police would disclose the cleric's name. Last Friday, the imam told Muslims praying in his mosque that they had become weak. He cited as proof the presence nearby of a relief centre run by the Missionaries of Charity, a mission for the poor founded by Nobel Prize laureate Mother Teresa. The imam then allegedly led his followers against the centre, which was damaged. Christians retaliated the next day by torching the imam's mosque. There was no estimate of damage to the relief centre but an Islamic newspaper said damage to the mosque totalled 100,000 Sudanese pounds (\$8,335).

Egyptian police arrest 1,500 extremists

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Interior Minister Zaki Badr was quoted Monday as saying a 1.500 alleged Muslim fundamentalists were arrested during the past two weeks. Interior Ministry sources said Badr made his remarks during a banquet Sunday night at the police academy in Cairo. These extremist groups are fuelling religious strife in the country and they must be met with force. We will meet violence with violence," the sources quoted Badr as saying. The sources said the arrests were made under emergency laws in force since 1981 which empower police to detain suspects indefinitely without any formal charges. The nationwide crackdown followed a violent clash after Friday prayers April 7 between Muslim extremists and police in the oasis town of Fayoum, southwest of Cairo.

U.N. accelerates Sudan relief with second plane

NAIROBI (R) — The United Nations has brought in a second aircraft to speed up the airlift of famine relief supplies to the rebel-held town of Torit in southern Sudan, a U.N. spokesman said

Paul Mitchell said a French air force C-160 Transall plane joined the airlift Sunday from Entebbe airport in Uganda to Torit, 100 kilometres north of the Ugandan frontier.

The airlift, the first major U.N. relief operation inside rebel-held areas of southern Sudan, began Friday with a C-130 Hercules, which is flying 42 tonnes of food a day into Torit.

Mitchell, who had just returned from Torit, captured by the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) two months ago, said about 30,000 people had

By Dalia Baligh

The Associated Press

KHARTOUM - Imagine a

medical school with no ana-

tomy lab because floods

washed away the old one and

there's no money to replace it.

Or a library in a college of engineering with 2,250 students

who cannot afford to buy more

than one copy of professional

This is Khartoum University.

one of Sudan's eight govern-

ment-run universities, a symbol

of severe problems afflicting

the system of higher education.

financing for schools and

generally dilapidated facilities

have created a situation poten-

tially more threatening to

Sudan than the protracted eco-

nomic and political crises and

civil war in Africa's largest

country.

Educators say inadequate

converged on the town in search

But food was already being distributed to villages within-a 25-kilometre radius and the movement of people into the town had stopped, he added.

Mitchell said the U.N. had a

second Transall standing by in Entebbe to start airlifting food into rebel-held areas of southern Sudan shortly.

A U.N. spokesman in Kampala said meanwhile a U.N. convoy of 47 food trucks that left Kampala for the Sudanese border Friday was stilli on its way north.

The convoy was due to reach the Sudanese border town of Nimule in about two days, Egil Herdan, an official of the U.N. World Food Programme, told

Like Sudan itself, the prob-

lem is full of contradictions. Of

45,000 high school graduates

every year whose grades qual-

ify them to enter universities.

At the same time, the uni-

versities annually graduate

around 7,000 people into a job

market in which 33,000 univers-

ity graduates in Khartoum

alone are unemployed. One

desperate group of them went

on a hunger strike recently but

got nothing for their trouble.

pounds (\$25 million) for the

university this year, but the

government only gave us 128

million pounds (\$10.6 million)."

said Abdul Baset Mohammad

Ali of Khartoum University's

planning and development di-

sities from colonial times. The

buildings are old and need re-

"We inherited these univer-

vision.

"We demanded 300 million

places exist for only 5,000.

Herdan said the convoy would deposit part of its 1,000-tonne load of maize in Nimule before attempting to deliver the remainder to Torit.

Last month the United Nations launched a \$132 million famine relief operation to move over 100,000 tonnes of food into wartorn southern Sudan before the rainy season in May makes most roads and airstrips in the area

unusable. But the operation has got off to a slow start and U.N. officials now say that most of the food will have to be flown in over the next

The rains are expected to make many airstrips in southern Sudan too soft for heavy aircraft to land safely, so large quantities of food will probably have to be dropped

furbishing," he said in an interview. "We need to review our

degree structures according to

the needs of labour. But that

kind of change means innova-

tion, and that means expense

caused a multiplicity of related

professor at Khartoum Uni-

versity's Institute for African

and Asian Studies, said nearly

half the school's 1,200 profes-

sors had left for better-paying

A beginning university pro-

fessor at Khartoum University

gets around 2,000 pounds

(\$166), a month, much more

than government bureaucrats

but less than a teacher earns in

A senior university lecturer can make double the starting

salary, but in Saudi Arabia or

a private secondary school.

jobs in the Gulf states.

Lack of adequate funds has

Mohammad Omar Beshir, a

that we cannot afford."

problems.

Ali Akbar Velayati

Two Afghan rebel fighters take cover during fighting around the eastern Afghan town of Jala-

truce, but talks stalled

Iran, Iraq reaffirm

Velayati told reporters his Iraqi counterpart. Tareq Aziz, continued to reject a four-point U.N. plan on the withdrawal of troops, freedom of navigation, repatriation of prisoners and other issues such as clearing the Shatt Al

Arab waterway.

Iraq has said dredging the waterway, its only sea outlet which is blocked by silt and war debris, must have priority.

the correct manner of conducting negotiations" but did not mention specific issues. Prospects for progress in the

Perez de Cuellar said his spe-

Lack of funds plagues Sudan's higher education "We're producing people who will find jobs." he said. "We train them to be assistants in medical laboratories, computer studies, executive secre-

taries, dental technicians, in

environmental studies... for money to build a new "For example, instead of Such shortcomings have lioffering a five-year engineering mited the numbers of students degree where we only teach who can be accommodated in engineering, we also offer a disciplines such as medicine three-year programme in which and engineering. This means students usually find themthe student learns engineering and decorating and studies on selves studying the humanities electric appliances. These enwhether they like it or not. On gineering assistants find much graduation, they find no mar-ket for what they've learned, more work (in Sudan) than

engineers." Such innovations are possible for Abu Zayd because his university is private. Its students pay 5,000-6,000 Sudanese pounds (\$416-\$500) annually, while education is free in the government-owned universities.

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Qatanani briefs peace group

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing an international peace group now visiting Jordan was briefed on the Kingdom's services provided to the residents of the Palestinian refugee camps.

The group, which represents Pax World Foundation/Peace Link, met with Dr. Ahmad Oatanani, director general of the Foreign Ministry's Palestinian Affairs Department with whom its members discussed the situation in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories, according to an offi-cial statement Monday. The statement said that Qata-

nani reviewed with the 20-member group the general conditions of the Palestinians under Israeli rule and the sufferings under occupation. He said that the government was providing continued assistance to the Palestinian people now involved in the intifada against occupation; and also to the residents of Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Qatanani answered questions

put to him by the group members about the Palestine question.

The delegation which has been

here for the past two days will cross into the occupied Arab territories Tuesday and will return to Jordan following their tour of the Arab areas under Israeli rule. Ahmad Oatana



Government encourages more rural development corporations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Monday announced that it was taking steps to encourage the establishment of development corporations in various towns similar to the Salt Development Corpora-tion (SDC) which is operated on voluntary basis.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Marwan Hmoud, chaired a meeting to discuss steps that should be taken in this direction, and to assess the SDC's progress and achievements.

The meeting which was attended by senior ministry officials and heads of development corporations in Salt, Irbid, Fuheis and Zarqa looked into measures that could be taken to encourage various towns and villages to establish corporations which could build strong bridges of cooperation with the local population and help municipalities carry out various schemes.

The meeting discussed incentives to be given to corporations in order to assist them to carry

out socio-economic projects and programmes. help the municipalities' construc-

tion programmes. The minister stressed that these voluntary institutions helped municipalities to develop their services and contributed towards rural areas development. Hmoud called for periodic meetings between the corporations themselves to exchange views about ties.

The meeting also discussed the idea of setting up a consultative council and amendments to laws benefiting these corporations. The meeting decided that the heads of the four corporations pay visits to the SDC and examine its programmes and activi-

2 Islamic meetings

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal from the Arab and Islamic world Highness Crown Prince Hassan have been invited to take part in will open two seminars in June one dealing with studies and re-search work in Islamic fields and the other dealing with patterns of living in Islamic nations.

According to Sawt Al Shaab daily the first seminar aims at increasing interaction among Islamic institutions and scholars and further cooperation in improving rules for an ideal society. the conditions of Islamic modern science and technology.

have been invited to take part in the five-day meeting.

According to the paper, the second seminar which has been organised by the World Health Organisation's regional office deals with various living patterns and behaviours in the Islamic world and means of disposing of bad customs and adopting a set of

At least 57 scholars and intelsocieties with the application of lectuals will take part in the second seminar which will be held Various Islamic organisations at the Regency Hotel in Amman.

AILF pledges full support for Palestine

(AILF) has issued a statement voicing its full support for the Palestine state and said that it would launch a campaign to back full fledged member in the fed-the Palestinian intifada in the eration. occupied Arab territories.

The statement, following the conclusion of the council's threeday meeting in Amman said that the backing to the Palestinians would mainly go to the labour unions and union leaders. The council backing will be moral and financial and at the international level, the statement noted.

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The council members held discentral council of the Arab International Labour Federation Arab World and those in the Israeli-held Arab territories and announced that Egypt's labour federation will be reinstated as a

The federation of the Jordanian labour unions and those of Djibouti and North Yemen also have been accepted as fullyfledged members in the federation, according to the statement. The council discussed matters that would be included in the agenda of the federation's eighth meeting to be held in Algiers-

India, Jordan open trade talks in New Delhi

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Jordanian economic and trade delegation opened talks in New Delhi Monday with Indian officials and businessmen in preparation for a round table meeting to be held in Amman in June to discuss Jordanian-Indian economic and trade cooperation

The Jordanian team is led by Khaldoum Abu Hassan, president of the Amman Chamber of Industry, who said the two sides

attached great importance to the preparatory meetings and the round table conference which will be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The round table meeting, which is scheduled for June 12 and 13, is designed as a first step in pursuing Jordanian-Indian en-deavours for stimulating trade and boosting cooperation in the economic and industrial fields.

Land ownership studied

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University announced Monday that it has just completed a month-long study on disintegration; of land ownership in the Zarqa River

A statement issued by the university's Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology which conducted the study, said that four researchers conducted surveys in the villages of Aalouk, Bani Hassan and Rumeimin, all within the

The study included a census and a comprehensive survey with

regard to the local residents' living conditions and the types of crops they grow.

The study also entailed an examination of the patterns of agricultural and economic activities conducted by the local people. According to the statement. the researchers submitted their findings to the Ministry of Agriculture which is currently carrying out land development projects in the Zarqa River basin in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies.

rammes set by the Joint Jordaian-Iraqi Higher Committee wound up a meeting in Amman Monday and signed the minutes of its deliberations; an official statement following the closing session

said that the two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation in commercial, industrial and agricultural fields and looked into measures to promote cooperation in health, air transport, agricultural marketing and railways as well as contracting operations in both The Jordanian side to the meeting stressed the need for increasing the volume of trade between the two countries. The

AMMAN (Petra) — An Iraqistatement noted that Iraq and Jordanian committee assigned the task of following up the im-Jordan will set up fairs in Amman and Baghdad to help promote the plementation of projects progsale of national products.

Jordan, Iraq conclude

talks, sign minutes

Abdul Rasoul (right) and Ministry of Trade and

In this respect an Iraqi fair will be organised in Amman in the autumn of 1989 and a Jordanian fair will be held in Baghdad in September 1989, and will be allowed to sell directly to the public and to Iraqi companies. In Industry, the two sides agreed on measures to speed up the application of unified standards and specifications and will

industry-related affairs. Iraq has expressed readiness to contribute to the phosphoric acid project at the Shidieh phosphate mine and will acquire a 30 per cent share in that project.

exchange expertise and ideas on

Both sides agreed on launching cooperation in agricultural fields specially in improving crop production, combatting pests like desert locusts and irrigation schemes.

The committee decided that agricultural products of both

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the

patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal and Princess Alia Al

Faisal, the French Cultural Centre in collaboration with the

National Music Conservatory.

presents the Group Rosamonda who has been singing Troubadour

poetry for more than 10 years.

Troubadour culture is brought

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(second from right) Monday sign minutes of trade

talks between Iraq and Jordan (Petra photo)

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The minutes were signed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade's Secretary General Mohamus Saqqaf and Faeq Abdul Ram director of the Iraqi Fund countries be given priority and Development.

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Asia and Abdul Karim wed at Al Hussein Society in 1986. His Highness Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid attended

Asia, Abdul Karim and their son Ra'd at their home in Marka in a recent photo taken by Hind Lara Mango

Living with an otherwise avoidable disability

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - There has been recent panic in Jordan concerning certain diseases such as Meningitis and Polio, both of which are fatal if contracted and may result

"Rumours were that we, in

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Jordan, were going to get the Polio virus from the West Bank where it was attacking many, said Dr. Jarir Halazon, a pediatritian and hematologue in Amman.

"Jordan's population is very well vaccinated," he explained, "and the government is making sure that poor rural areas where there is a high possibility of acquiring Halazon.

WHAT'S GOING ON The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

 \Rightarrow An art exhibition by French artist Jean-Francois Noble at Haya Arts Centre.

An art exhibition by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at the Royal Cultural Centre. An exhibition entitled "Architectural Development in European Cities," displaying photos depicting architectural develop-

ment since medieval ages, at the Yarmouk University.

An exhibition entitled "Architecture in Jordanian Countryside" by Ammar Khammash at the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Yarmouk University.

* An exhibition of books and handicrafts at Princess Alia College. A scientific book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

An exhibition entitled the "Tuebingen Atlas of the Middle

East" at the Goethe Institute. RAMADAN SOUQ

Ramadan open-air market, which includes foodstuff, clothes, bome appliances and children's toys at Mahatta, eastern

ti International Ramadan Souq, in which 14 Arab and Islamic countries are taking part, at the International Auto Centre, Queen Alia International Airport Highway.

FILMS

☆ An Iraqi film entitled "Two Faces" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 9:00 p.m. * A documentary of Southern California shown as part of the

THEATRE

☆ An Arabic play entitled "A Minister in Love" shown as part of the cultural festival of the Jordanian community colleges, at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

American Centre's programme "Portrait of America" - 4:00

LECTURE

A lecture entitled "Nuclear Winter" by Dr. Adel Jarrar at the Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

the virus, are made aware of the importance of vaccination. In endemic areas such as the West Bank extra precautions are taken. Children are usually vaccinated at an early age, but in the case of infected areas, a baby is given an extra Polio vaccine as soon as he is born," said

Polio virus infections are common only among human beings and the most susceptible victims are infants and young children living in conditions of poor hygiene. Halazon confirms that Polio has been eradicated in Jordan because of the social awareness campaigns carried out by the Ministry of Health. "The ministry has reached many people in the rural areas, and more than 98 per cent of the children there have been vaccinated."

There are many types of Polio: the abortive, nonparalytic (aseptic Meningitis) and the paralytic disease involving the nervous system. "If an infected child is lucky. he or she will have only one limb paralysed, the lucky ones survive and the unlucky ones die."

Asia and Abdul Karim Al 'Asal are Polio victims. Both contracted the disease as children of less than one year. The reason was their parents' ignorance of the importance of vaccination. Asia is now 24 years old and will always carry the scars of Polio the whole of her right leg is paralysed. However, Abdul Karim, now 35 years old, did not escape as easily as Asia; both his legs are paralysed and he cannot get by without the aid of a wheel-

In an interview with the Jordan Times, both Asia and Abdul Karim told the story of how they managed to cope with the demands of every day life, society and other issues that caused them considerable stress because of

their handicaps. Live many people who are a bakery for a salary of JD per

needed to feel independent and productive. In order to accomplish her aims, she first took up a three months' typing course. However, when she mastered this skill and started looking for a job, she found it to be a hopeless case. Not one to give up easily. Asia took up another course in mainting foot braces at Al Hussein Society for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped. She continued with this job for two years until

she got married.

Abdul Karim attended many centres, including the Bethlehem Foundation, where he got his education. When he was 16 years old, he went to Egypt to learn rehabilitation methods, but found life there very difficult. After coming back to Jordan, he learnt the trade of jewellery-making, but because of his disability he could not find a job. Forced to stay at home with a growing sense of anger and frustration, Abdul Karim began to observe the aeroplanes and helicopters that used to take off and land at the airport near his house. As a result, he started to fiddle around with spare metal parts and constructed electrical toy helicopters which he sold at bazaars.

But the income that came from selling these toys was hardly enough for him to survive. So he made himself a special bicycle with which he could move around more easily and have a bigger chance of finding a job. "I wanted to feel independent like any other man," he said remembering all the trauma and hardships he had faced. At home, he had constant clashes with his father. He wanted to work while his father feared that he would get hurt. "But I got my way," said Abdul Karim with a devilish smile of satisfaction.

The stubborn and persistent young man finally found a job in han some way, Asia month. His colleagues used to Print

constantly tease him about his disability, and treat him in a demeaning manner. He eventually left that job and worked ever since as a telephone operator at a health centre in Jabal Al Nasser. They treat me there as their equal and with the epitomy of politeness. I do not get the feeling of being some sort of alien anymore.

Even though he had his bicycle, Abdul Karim could not go everywhere on it. He sometimes needed public transportation which proved to be a great disappointment. With an incomprebensive shake of his head, he remembers how he was not allowed to go into the "Service" (sharing taxi) because of his chair. The drivers complained that there was no room for it. and they were unwilling to listen to him when he told them that it was collapsible. "Whenever they saw me waving to them to stop, they would speed up and pass me by, he said.

After a lot of hard work, Abdul Karim saved up JD 400 and decided to buy a car made especially for the disabled. With the help of his relatives and various organisations, he bought the car for JD

"My life changed completely after that. No longer was the notion of going to buy bread a nightmare, I was able to move about like everyone else, and the days of being snubbed by bus and taxi drivers were over for me!" During social visits to his

met Asia, now his wife. Both praise Their Royal Highnesses Prince Ra'd and Princess Majda, the presidents of the society, for the tremendous amount of help that they gave the newly married couple. The expenses of the wedding ceremony, which

friends at Al Hussein Society he

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Following this event was the birth of their son, Ra'd. He was delivered by Caesarean section. But other than that, everything was normal. During this interview with the proud parents, the hyper infant, who is now nearly two years of age, would not stop running around the demanding to be lifted onto his father's lap. It is quite obvious that Ra'd is "the apple of his parent's eyes," as the saying goes!

The couple live in a small two-bedroom apartment in Marka. "We have all that we need. Our place is not very big and luxurious, but it is enough for us. and we are happy," said Asia.

With their marriage and newborn son, Abdul Karim's salary of JD 80 was not enough. An amount of JD 45 was spent on gas for the car, and what remained was not enough for them to live on. Both came up with the idea of opening a small shop in their home. Unfortunately, permission for this venture was not granted. So they thought of opening a butcher's shop, but this was going to cost them even more money. Asia sold her jewellery, and they got a loan for paying the necessary installments for the place. The butchery has not lived up to their expectations in terms of the profit that it makes, but they are satisfied with it.

Presently, Asia is channelling all of her energy into keeping up with her very active son. Later on, she thinks that she will have to continue working, but for now she is dedicating herself to being a wife, mother, and taking care of their home. She said: "Every housewife has problems, and I am no exception. When faced with these difficulties, I either solve them myself or ask my nephew for help - he lives next door. It has not been easy for us. We are trying to survive, and

made life more en urable.

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Troubadours hit Amman

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Many reasons for pastures shortage AMMAN (J.T.) — Pasture lands

in Jordan are limited and insuffi- Abu Arrabi noted, entail cient for breeding great numbers - up four large pasture of livestock but there are good areas of land which can easily be 250,000 dinums. turned into useful pasture land to make up for this shortage, according to Ghaleb Abu Arrabi, director of the afforestation and range department at the Ministry of Agriculture.

He said in a recent interview with the Al Ra'i Arabic daily that despite this obstacle existing pasture land provide for nearly 70 per cent of the needs of goats, sheep and camels in the Kingdom, although less than 200 millimetres of water fall on this land in the winter season. Abu Arrabi attributed the

meagre areas of pasture land in Jordan to the following reasons: -- Early grazing when animals are allowed to graze in areas with no fully grown grass, uprooting and burning shrubs or small trees to be used as fuel.

- The spread of machinery and the extensive use of vehicles to transport sheep which led to the damage of the pasture lands, poor rainfall, development of land for growing crops and fruit trees, and the expansion in building operations which caused the pasture land to shrink.

Abu Arrabi said that so far southwest of Amman tunearly 20 per cent of pasture pilot project when lands have been swallowed up by buildings and factories.

Abu Arrabi proposed sowing large areas of land with seeds increase the vegetation, planting ie for land in

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The plan is being ... by the Ministry of the character according to Abu Acco. was added that saplings are being distributed needed to farmers to help increase particlands and veterinary services are also offered free by the ministry to help increase the avesto . wealth in the Kingdom

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ministry is going ahead with a project for producing lean mean in cooperation with the adam Coopercative Organization (JCO). He said that . A said Food Programm tributing to the with C.1 entails planting in a cun of land shrubs and seeds a conpastures. The WFP, he ... providing food supplie (c. local farmers whose land is developed within this reg programme which also : five other countries in World: Syria, fraq. fr: Morocco and Algeria.

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Pilgrimage and politics don't mix

SAUDI Arabia's expression of hope that Iran will send pilgrims to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina for this year's pilgrimage comes as another clear sign of the Kingdom's desire for normalised relations with Tehran after an eventful period of strain and tension. It may be premature to assess Iran's response to the call or Tehran's plans for the pilgrimage, which the revolutionary regime of ayatollahs has always sought to exploit for political purposes; but there is little doubt that the Islamic World would be more than glad to see the Iravian faithful perform the pilgrimage without any hindrance as any other Muslim from any other part of the globe. The question that hangs on the horizon is whether Tehran is ready to acknowledge and abide by the accepted norms of behaviour in the House of God or whether the fanatical zealots in power in Iran would continue to insist on their own conditions - no limitation on the number of pilgrims and the freedom to stage politicallyinspired rallies in the holy cities etc. etc. etc.

If recent events — including Iran's decree of death against author Salman Rushdie - are any indication, then one can surely expect Iran's leadership to hang onto its stubborn stand. It is baffling that the Iranian clergymen, devout Muslims as they claim to be, can see any sense in their arguments, simply because there cannot be a compromise between faith in God and political ambitions.

Needless to say, Iran has little respect for the endorsement by the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) of the quotas of pilgrims that Saudi Arabia has allocated to every Islamic country. The Iranian defiance of the OIC decision points but to one thing; that Tehran is arguing that the entire Islamic World has "ganged up" against Iran. Perhaps, in one sense, the contention is partially true - the faithful are indeed "ganged up" against extremism and fanaticism which have no place in Islam, or any other religion for that matter.

By the same token, and notwithstanding of the religious aspects of the Salman Rushdie affair, the international community has realised that the death decree on the author could also be part of Iranian revolutionary patriarch as the "undisputed leader and guardian of the Islamic faith" at any price and through any means. That in itself is a major obstacle in the path towards normalised Saudi-Iranian relations.

Seen in this light, it is indeed a magnanimous gesture and favour that Saudi Arabia is doing for Tehran by reaffirming its invitation to Iranian pilgrims. If Tehran chooses to spurn it, then it has only itself to blame for depriving the Iranian people of the opportunity to fulfil one of the five basic tenets of Islam. One wonders what is the prescribed punishment in Khomeini's books for such a

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily newspaper on Monday welcomed back King Hussein from his trip to France and the United States where he discussed the Middle East among other issues of concern to the Arab Nation. The paper said that the Jordanian family feels at peace now with the King at the helm following a number of days marked with tension and unusual events and incidences. But it must be said that such regrettable events can by no means shake the Jordanian family's strong belief in its leadership and the nation; and the King is here to bolster this feeling and to breathe further hope into the hearts of the Jordanian citizens, the paper said. The Jordanian family realises that the government's economic measures could never be a form of punishment but a way of handling the difficult situation, and a move to adapt to the new economic realities, the paper noted. It said under King Hussein the Jordanian family would rely more on itself and its members and its potential and resources to forge ahead with a greater faith and stronger optimism towards development and progress.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily tackles the question of Arab summit meetings and their usefulness to confront the immense challenges posed to the Arab Nation. Mahmoud Al Rimawi asks how many summits should be held to deal with the questions that confront the Arabs, and whether the summit by themsleves are sufficient to end problems and enable the Arabs to have a brighter future. One would expect from the Arab leaders not to suffice themselves with the meetings, but to follow up their talks and back their words with deeds. Rimawi notes, He believes that to date the Arab summits proved incapable of handling issues of higher national interest largely because they lack the machinery for the implementation of resolutions. The formation of committees and sub committees, the writer says and recommending resolutions to the Arab League are not sufficient for the execution of steps deemed important for the Arabs and their future. What the Arabs should do, the writer notes, is to find the proper machinery for implementing their resolutions since their meetings are of paramount importance and on these resolutions depends the

Al Dustour daily commented on the strong ties between Iraq and Jordan and said President Saddam's visit to Jordan was part of the Iraqi leadership's keenness on maintaining strong consultations with Jordan. The president was briefed on the King's talks in Washington and was assured about the situation in the Kingdom which has devoted itself to defending the Arab homeland and which stands as a strong fortress in the face of all challenges and threats posed to the nation, the paper said. The King for his part has reiterated Jordan's strong adherence to the principles and goals of the Great Arab Revolt and its determination to remain a strong fortress defending the Arab World, the paper noted. Under King Hussein, the Jordanian family will continue to reflect solidarity on the domestic and the pan-Arab levels, and through unity of ranks, it will continue the march towards further progress and development, the paper said.

Plodding towards 100-day mark, Bush says he's doing fine

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By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON — George Bush, nearing the 100-day mark of his presidency, seems to be tailoring his administration according to the folk saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it.'

"We're not looking for wrenching change," said one White House aide privately. "The American people elected George Bush because they liked the direction America was going."

White House officials say that with unemployment at a 15-year low and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev seemingly intent on reducing international tension to concentrate on reform at home there is no reason for Bush to rock the boat.

"Most administrations have had to wrestle with threats to peace or the economy or both," said White House communications director David Demarest. "Right now, we're less in a period of threat than of opportunity on the international side. And the economy is nearing seven straight years of growth.

Compared with other recent U.S. presidents, who have swept into office with a barrage of initiatives designed to let the world know they have arrived, Bush has entered plodding in the footsteps of Ronald Reagan, who retired last January after eight vears at the helm.

Lyndon Johnson declared a "war on poverty" and John Kennedy boldly announced that "the

torch has been passed to a new generation." Bush has spoken of imited resources and the need to allocate them differently.

"Our funds are low," Bush said in his inaugural address. "We will make the hard choices... based on honest need and prudent

Bush says the 100-day standard, inspired by the first three months of Franklin Roosevelt's

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almost daily in response to the great depression, is inappropriate because he took office after eight years of peace and prosperity.

He was also vice president to one of the most popular U.S. leaders in history.

"We didn't come in here throwing the rascals out to try to do something - correct all the

I'M ONLY THE

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I USED TO BE GOVERNOR

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OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

on Thursday as he reflected on his first three months in office.

White House officials say the relative calm has given Bush a unique chance to step back for a

long-term look.
"What you're seeing is the willingness to take the time to make sure what is done is the right

to make a

DECISION !

presidency when Congress ills of the world in 100 days," the approved major new programmes 64-year-old Bush told reporters rather than something that looks good in the short term," said White House chief of staff John

> Bush's critics say his style shows uncertainty. To some, his insistence on lengthy policy reviews before laying out his views on foreign matters suggests a lack of imagination that will hamper

his efforts to respond to Gor-

bachev's shake-up of the Soviet system and reform movements in Eastern Europe.

Critics also cite a lack of specific accomplishments and subst-

A New York Times/CBS News poli suggests voters are in two minds about Bush with 61 per cent approving of his performance but only 28 per cent saying he is working hard to solve the problems that concern them

Bush and his advisers say the critics - looking for the sort of razzle-dazzle that grabs headlines have ignored a number of initiatives that promise long-term results.

They cite his proposal to shore up the country's troubled savings and loan industry, an outline for easing the debt burden of Third World countries, and compromises with Congress that produced bipartisan deals on a budget and on U.S. aid for Nicaragua's contra rebels.

Even Bush's political foes say he deserves credit for a mood of well-being that, for now, has replaced the acrimony that marked relations between Congress and the White House for more than two decades.

"Cooperation is more important for the function of this government than sending up a lot of quick bills to Congress and announcing a lot of initiatives." said House of Representatives Democratic leader Thomas

Events in Georgia show limits of media glasnost

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By Peter Conradi Reuter

MOSCOW - Four years after Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev launched his policy of glasnost or openness, its limits have been exposed by the response of Soviet authorities and media to the recent bloody events in Georgia.

Only in the last few days has a full picture begun to emerge in the Soviet press of how troops used shovels and poison gas to crush a nationalist demonstration in the capital, Tbilisi, on April 9. which claimed 20 lives. It took authorities until Sun-

day, two weeks after the events. to lift a ban on visits by foreign iournalists to the city - and then just to allow a small group of reporters on an official Soviet foreign ministry trip.

"Not a single central newspaper or television report has given ue picture of Gogoberidze, a Georgian film tures of the West Bank, why director, told journalists on Fridon't they tell us about Tbilisi?"

day at a packed Moscow showing of a clandestine video film of the

This approach, already employed last year during ethnic clashes over the Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, is typical of the treatment of unrest and discontent within the Soviet Union by virtually all the country's official media.

Vremya is filled with images of violence and death from across the world, Soviet trouble spots are not shown or, as in Georgia's case, the viewer sees people walking peacefully in city streets and factories working normally. It appears at odds with the

While the main television news

policy of glasnost proclaimed by Gorbachev within weeks of taking over the Soviet leadership in March 1985 after decades of secrecy in official reports and newspapers. "Why are they

asked one young man, sitting in front of his television in the Georgian city Sukhumi on April 9, hours after troops moved into the

Three or four hours after the 4 a.m. incident in Tbilisi, a Reuter correspondent in Sukhumi heard what turned out to be accurate rumours of the numbers of deaths and injuries in the Georgian capital, 400 km to the south-east.

"Why are they showing us pictures of the West Bank, why don't they tell us about Tbilisi?"

But while central Soviet television continued its usual programmes, the Georgian channel remained silent until the early afternoon when an announcer read a no official statement denouncing extremists and reporting the

The official Soviet news agency TASS waited 12 hours before giving its version of events, reprinted the following day in the Communist Party daily Pravda.

But even then, the TASS account appeared at odds with those obtained by Western reporters from local residents and with a detailed and apparently more objective version that was to appear in the outspoken weekly oscow News 10 days later. TASS said: "Regiments and

units of interior ministry troops and soldiers strictly observed instructions about non-use of arms and caution, especially towards women and teenagers. "But separate extremist groups

armed with stones, sticks and metallic objects resisted furiously. Their actions caused a crush in the crowd as a result of which 16 people died."

With few exceptions, accounts in other Soviet newspapers generally echoed this TASS version. A gave a fuller report with pictures sharpened shovels against them. Zvezda.

from the scene was stopped at the printers by local authorities.

Last Wednesday, a different version of events finally appeared in Moscow News and its assertions were backed by the clandestine video film, shown to around 600 journalists.

The Moscow News account was based in part on the testimony of a photographer from the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta, apparently the only professional press photographer to record the events. His own newspaper did not print it.

The video film showed troops, backed by armoured vehicles, rushing a peaceful candlelit gathering, isolating and trapping small groups and pounding people, many of them women, repeatedly over the heads and bodies with clubs.

Bodies piled up in a mortuary had gaping wounds that could

The film also showed gas canisters being fired over the crowds and local doctors who said the victims were suffering from the effects of a poisonous gas which causes extreme irritation, pain and paralysis.

Georgian health ministry officials have confirmed that poison gas was used by troops against the demonstrators and local journalists have said at least two of those at the meeting have died of it. Yet the central Soviet press

was slow to pick up the charges and Moscow News said remarks by Georgian Health Minister Irakly Menagarishvili in an interview with Viemya on the use of poison gas and shovels were cut out of the broadcast in Moscow. Both the area military com-

mander. Igor Rodionov, and the commander of the interior minis-try troops, Y. Efimov, denied the use of poison gas. Their comonly have been inflicted by a ments were reported, unchalblade, an apparent confirmation lenged, in an interview with the Georgian youth newspaper which of reports that troops had used army newspaper Krasnaya

Sri Lankan hopes dented as election euphoria fades

By Malcolm Davidson

COLOMBO - Ranasinghe Premadasa swept to power as Sri Lanka's president on a surge of public optimism that he could bring peace to the violence-torn

Four months later, the death toll from attacks by Tamil separatists and Sinhalese rebels is still climbing and the wave of national euphoria seems to have fizzled out. More than 12,000 people have been killed in the past six years in the two rebellions.

"There was a feeling of hope after the presidential election in December. Some of it was orchestrated by the government but there was a real explosion of relief," a Western diplomat said.

"I would say that the level of hope is still higher than it was before the election but the euphoria has gone.'

Although Premadasa took over only in January and his United National Party had to fight parliamentary polls in February, he has made little progress on his major objectives.

There is no sign that the bulk of the 45,000 Indian troops deployed against Tamil separatists in the north and east of the island are going to leave soon. A much trumpeted programme

to ease poverty has yet to get off the ground and faces funding problems, say economists. And leftist insurgents fighting in southern Sinhalese areas seem

determined to press on with their fight to topple the government. "Having come in with a lot of popular goodwill and hope, he has got to deliver. The longer things go on the more impatient the public and his enemies will become," a European diplomat

One bright spot for the government is the surprise agreement of the previously intransigent Tamil Tigers guerrillas to talk directly with Colombo for the first time in four years.

The Tigers, members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), are sending their London-based theoretician Anton Balasingham to Colombo this week to open talks.

However, sceptics point to the LTTE's repudiation of a 1987 agreement giving Tamil-majority areas substantial autonomy.

They refused to hand over their weapons to Indian troops sent to police the accord and have since been battling both the Indians and other Tamil groups which accepted the accord.

"I am quite dubious that they (the talks) will amount to anything. The LTTE has been adamant for so long that I see no reason why they should change that," the diplomat said.

"Premadasa cannot go much further than the government aiready has. If he does he would

face a tremendous backlash from his own Sinhalese constituency." Premadasa belong to the ethnic Sinhalese that form 74 per cent of the population.

While prime minister under former President Junius Jayewar-dene he had little power but gained a reputation for being a politically ruthless loner.

Like most Sinhalese, he has made no secret of his hostility to the 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan accord which brought Indian troops to Sri Lanka. But political analysts say his troops are too stretched fighting rebels in the south to

control the north as well. The People's Liberation Front, known by its Sinhala initials JVP. is waging a campaign of murder and intimidation that has killed 2,000 people in the past 18 months.

A 1983 ban on the organisation was lifted last year, but the JVP has so far spurned government efforts to open peace talks.

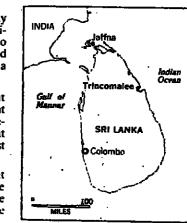
Political analysts say Premadasa has set great store by his poverty alleviation programme intended to eventually cover six

million people.
It was to have been launched earlier this month, but a senior central bank source said the whole thing was being reassessed to make sure scarce resources go to the neediest.

Six years of conflict have badly hurt the economy. Finance officials are in Washington to talk to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) about the second stage of a \$344 million loan.

The \$88 million instalment should have come in March but has been delayed pending agreement on economic reforms that Sri Lanka failed to implement last year, the bank source said.

Foreign reserves now cover at most two months's imports, he said, and Sri Lanka needs the IMF money to give it a little more breathing space.



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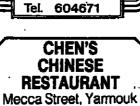
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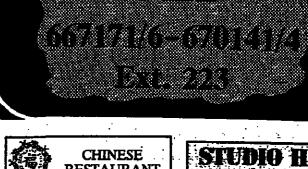


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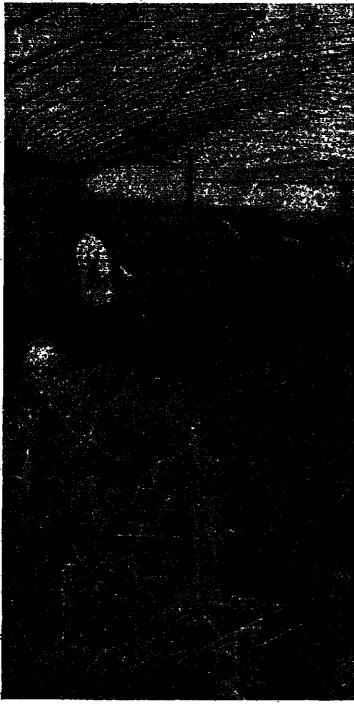
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Workers examine hybrid rice in a research centre in Changsha, the capital city of Hunan Province.



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China's shrinking cropland and failing water supplies

By Ni Shaoxiang

NANJING — Helter-skelter urbanisation, the proliferation of small-scale rural cottage industries, and economic reforms have led to China's total cultivated land area dropping by around 15 million hectares since 1957. Cultivated land continues to shrink, on average, by some 520,000 hectares a year, a manifestation of the demands that rapid popula-tion growth has made on China's

Presently the amount of cultivated land per head is a mere 0.13 hectares, half of what it was in 1949. In nine provinces the cultivated land area is less than 0.07 hectares per person, below what is necessary for self-sustaining

The growth of towns and cities, along with 'rural industries' have combined to accelerate China's loss of agricultural land. Currently there are some 1.6 million rural or 'township enterprises' employing around 70 million workers. Furthermore, China's 407 cities and 11,103 towns are expected to grow faster than rural

Another factor that works against Chinese agriculture is the great increase in rural housing units. Between 1985 and 1986 an additional 1.7 billion square metres of rural housing were

The most serious loss of cropland, however, is taking place in

tion is burgeoning. In general the coasts have higher population densities and lower amount of cultivated land per person than other parts of the country.

China's increasing population has also put a strain on water resources. In the first place there are only 2,700 cubic metres of fresh water available per person, one quarter of the world's average. As a result water shortages have become commonplace in some areas. According to a 1985 survey, 183 cities (out of 324) were found to be in water deficit, with 40 cities put on the critical list. The water shortfall for these cities amounts to around 20 million cubic metres per day. It has been estimated that in

na some 40 million people, along with 30 million domestic animals suffer from a shortage of potable water. About 93 million hectares of rangeland in northern China lack adequate rainfall. As a result, increasing amounts of groundwater are being pumped to the surface for use in agriculture and industry, a practice that is depleting China's groundwater aquiters. In several regions of northern China, the groundwater table is falling at the rate of 4-5 metres a year, creating surface subsidence in cities like Beijing,

the dry north-west region of Chi-

A number of ambitious programmes has been launched to deal with the country's extensive

AFRICA

Shanghai, Tianjin and Xi'an.

resource degradation. First, more attention is being paid to the important links between population, resources and the environment. Government officials are beginning to see the necessity of balancing economic development with resource conservation and environmental management.

Second, family planning services have been given more muscle so that an attempt can be made to adhere to the target of a population of 1.2 billion by 2000.

Third, laws and regulations governing the conservation and management of China's resources have been strengthened and put into effect. A new law on 'Land Resources Management' has managed to reduce the amount of

Algeria

agricultural land taken out of production. Agricultural chemicals are also being regulated.

The management of environmental activities has been reorganised: For example, the Bureau of Territory was set up in 1981. Its main task is to develop, exploit in a sustainable manner, and protect, the country's resources.

Lastly, the management of resources in key regions, such as the Beijing-Tianjin-Tangshan re-gion, the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Nanjing region, the Pearl River Delta Region, and several with fragile ecological environments like the Loess Plateau, have been given priority. Planning on a regional level is now possible. People News.

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By Eilif Liisberg

NIAMEY - Health workers. representatives of women's organisations and policy-makers from 22 French-speaking African countries, meeting in Niamey, the capital city of Niger, have called on the international community to help governments to halve the appalling toll of 150,000 women who die in Africa each year from complications of pregnancy and delivery.

In northern Europe 10 women die out of every 100,000 who give birth, whereas in Africa the figure is about 700 out of every 100,000, giving Africa the sad record of the highest maternal death rate in the world. And for every woman who dies, many more remain permanently handicapped.

After three days of technical discussions, representatives to the Conference on Safe Motherhood, held in late January, were joined by their Ministers of Health, and by delegates from the World Bank, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), who jointly sponsored the conference, from other U.N. agencies and from non-govern-

ment organisations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Alarming data were presented at Niamey, but it was one particular story which brought home the fact that maternal mortality in Africa is really "the shame of modern times," as expressed by one of the delegates. A video produced by WHO follows a. woman on her road to death, where many opportunities for saving her life are missed.

Like so many African women, Mrs X was severely anaemic due to parasitic infections and malnutrition. She had been through seven pregnancies and did not really want another child. She lived in a small village and was poor and illiterate. She and her husband had never practised family planning — and inevitably she had become pregnant again. She had no medical check-up during the pregnancy: there was

no dispensary within reach.

When the birth began, an old neighbour was called in to assist. She did not understand the danger when Mrs. X started bleeding profusely. Only after an hour, when Mrs. X had become very feeble, did she arrange to send her to the district hospital, with

balance in the country.

ernment has launched largescale

tree-planting and afforestation

programmes. WFP supports

these by giving food to workers engaged in planting, nursery and

forest management tasks. In re-

turn, the workers make a small

contribution from their wages to

a fund to provide schools, clean

drinking water and other com-

Government irrigation schemes aim to increase agricultural output. Workers on the Indira Gandhi Nahar canal have

been receiving WFP assistance since 1968. This canal, which

stretches across the Thar desert in

Rajasthan, will eventually bring more than 1.5 million hectares of

Food rations are also distributed throughout the country by

the Integrated Child Develop-

ment Services which provides im-

munisation, health check-ups, nutrition and health education for

women, and non-formal education for 3-6 year olds. The women

and children who attend the cen-

tres are given cooked meals to

improve their nutritional status

and act as an incentive to attend and benefit from the health ser-

India is not just a recipient of WFP food aid but also an impor-

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the help of willing neighbours. The ox cart, humping along on a dirt road, took two hours, and on arrival Mrs. X was unconscious. She went immediately for an emergency operation, and needed blood, but the half a litre the hospital refrigerator was not enough to save her life. The midwives and doctors

attending.. the conference bad, most tikely, all witnessed similar-tragedies. "Why," asked one of them, "is it only now that this scandal of the century is brought to light?" There were two reasons: first, only recently had 'to studies undertaken by WHO and others shown the true extent of the problem. Second, according to a physician, pregnancy-related deaths had for long been considered part of the normal state of affairs in Africa. When he had worked in Europe, he said, "every single case of maternal death would be discussed for hours, and sometimes for days, in order to find out what had gone wrong, and to put matters right to avoid similar dramas in the future."

"The real reason," said a woman doctor, "is that we African women need to assert ourselves as women, rather than only as wives and mothers."

maternal mortality is caused by illegal abortion," said Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of UN-FPA. "Abortion is not a family planning method. However, one of the best ways to prevent it is by providing adequate family plan-

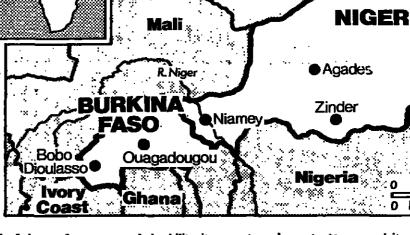
Dr Sadik felt that women a continuous state of pregnancy. "Spacing of births should not be mixed up with other issues and given political and religious overtones." Doubts had been raised whether it was at all possible for women alone to change the situation. Dr. Sadik agreed that the whole value system would have to be changed. "However," she said. "Women must also change; they are the ones who transmit the old, traditional values to both their sons and their daughters. Only information and education can change this." The status of African women as

reflected in, for example, their access to education, was an important factor. And, according to Edward Jaycox, Vice-President of the World Bank, the African mother produces 80 per cent of the food eaten, but her own nutritional needs are often not

"Twenty-five to 50 per cent of met. Some traditional practices were also described as dangerous to health, such as food taboos and female circumcision

In spite of great efforts over the last 10 years to provide primary health care in Africa, maternal bealth services are sorely lacking. Only 36 per cent of deliveries are assisted by a trained health workshould not be pressurised to be in er. Essential health care, including mother and child health care and family planning, is needed at village level. That has to be backed up by small maternity units and hospitals that can take care of complications and deal with highrisk cases. As a minimum requirement they should be able to deal with delayed and obstructed labour, including Caesarean section, and give anaesthetics and blood transfusions. A number of projects in Benin.

Cote d'Ivoire and elsewhere had shown that great improvements can be attained if local communities are mobilised, health care workers retrained, and a minimum of resources made available. The World Bank has estimated that the investment of \$1 per head in health care would reduce maternal mortality by 20 per cent, and \$2 by two-thirds. The declaration issued at the



end of the conference appealed for efforts to cut maternal mortality and morbidity by half by the year 2000. "Is that a realistic aim?" asked Dr. Abdelmoumene of WHO. "Technically," he went on, "it is certainly possible, as shown in Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Egypt and, in particular, China." As to the political feasibility, it was up to each country to ca and its women by producing give the answer. Was it possible the resources? And will African from a financial point of view? society at large, its health work-With many African countries pre- ers and in particular its women, sently facing an economic crisis, he said; considerable external funding would be necessary.

Will the international community wake up to its responsibility and show its solidarity with Afri-

rise to the task of ensuring safe

motherhood? Judging from the emotional energy, the frank talk and enlightened thinking at the conference, there is great hope for the future — People News.

By Diana Dixon

INDIA is a land of contrasts; incredible beauty and urban squalor; one of the fifteen most industrialised nations in the world and the fifteenth poorest; in some years the hottest place on earth — the Thar desert in Rajasthan, and the wettest - Assam. India, the birthplace of Buddhism and Hinduism; the country with twenty official languages.

In the 41 years since India became independent, enormous progress has been made; foreign trade has greatly expanded and aignificant increases have been made in the production of steel, power, cement, oil, fertiliser and other resources.

India is one of the few countries in the developing world that produces enough food for its needs and which can call on its own food reserves in emergencles. While proud of its efforts to become self-sufficient, it has welcomed outside assistance for development projects in order to banish the spectre of poverty from its streets and countryside. Three hundred million people do not earn enough money to buy sufficient food for themselves and their families - millions are homeless, with no access to safe drinking water or an education.

WFP and India signed their first project agreement in 1963 the same year the Programme was formed — and have progressed together. In the last 25 years WFP has supported Indian pro-jects for livestock and fisheries development, forestry, irrigation, Watershed management, rural derelopment and resettlement; school feeding; assistance to women and children; and disaster

India has supplied \$11 million of tea, sugar, dried fish and rice to WFP to help the people of other WFP is helping India to fight soil erosion and deforestation. Many of the disasters that India faces stem from the damage to The problems remaining are the environment caused by the loss of forests. Only 19.5 per cent

enormous; the population is more than 750 million and if the current of the land is under forest cover, growth rate continues, by the such a year 2112 India will have over-come. compared to the 33 per cent needed to maintain an ecological To reverse this trend the gov-

taken China to become the most populous country in the world. To provide the minimum re-

quirements — jobs, food, hous-ing — for this number of people is a daunting task that will need the continuing help of organisations such as WFP for many years to

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Gulf Arab officials to discuss common oil policy tomorrow

ABU DHABI (R) — Gulf Arab oil producers will meet in Jeddah Wednesday to seek a common policy on prices and production ahead of OPEC's key June meeting, oil industry sources said.

"The (Gulf oil) ministers' tackling of the oil market situation will be of extreme importance in determining the basic trends to be discussed at OPEC's next June meeting." the official United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency WAM said Monday.

The Jeddah meeting will bring together six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states - OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar and non-OPEC Oman and Bahrain - which between them hold over 40 per cent of the world's oil reserves.

"The committee will discuss GCC proposals on efforts to be taken collectively to achieve stability in oil prices in the world market and to unify the stands of GCC members in OPEC." the Qatari News Agency said

would work on a common production and price policy for the rest of the year, ahead of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

GCC oil ministers shaped the outlines of OPEC's November 1988 output pact at a meeting last October in Riyadh, oil industry executives said.

OPEC agreed then to limit total output to 18.5 million barreis per day (b/d) for the first half of 1989 and oil prices have since risen more than \$7 a barrel. WAM said OPEC is expected

to raise its ceiling by one million b/d to 19.5 million in June. Among points the GCC states

will confront ahead of the OPEC meeting are: Whether to back an increase

Oil industry analysts in the Gulf said the six GCC states of the year, as this might push oil

prices down as supply to the report released Sunday that oil market will rise.

- Kuwait and the UAE's requests for higher individual OPEC quotas. Both countries regard their current 1.037 million several more years of weak and and 988,000 b/d quotas as inadequate relative to their reserves and output capacities.

- Ways of convincing Iran to support an increase in the OPEC ceiling. Tehran wants high prices with limited OPEC output to earn hard cash for its post Gulf war reconstruction.

- How to distribute any increase agreed in the OPEC ceiling.

Kuwait and the UAE produced above their quotas in March at 1.35 million b/d and 1.4 million b/d respectively, according to a Reuter survey.
Iran's Tehran Times newspap-

er said earlier this month that quota violators within OPEC should not be awarded higher ceilings.

Unstable prices

Meanwhile, the manager of

prices will remain unstable for several years but will not collapse as they did in 1986.

"As I look to the future, I see volatile prices," Suhail Faris Al Mazouri said in the report marking the 17th anniversary of ADNOC's foundation.

But Mazouri, who is also secretary general of Abu Dhabi's Supreme Oil Council, said he did not expect that prices would turnble below \$10 a barrel as they did in 1986 due to OPEC overpro-

"I am encouraged by the fact that world oil consumption is starting to increase again at rates we haven't seen in a decade," he said, but gave no figures.

"At present prices, other forms of energy are having difficulty competing," Mazouri said. "So, although in the short term

I believe the price situation will remain uncomfortable, I see it in positive terms as a means of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) predicted in a guaranteeing our long-term survival," he concluded.

'Angry Consumers Association' calls for boycott of Algerian food shops

ing itself the "Angry Consumers Association" called Monday for a national boycott of food shops in Algeria in an effort to drive down

soaring prices. The official Algerian news agency APS said the association, based in the western town of Oran, urged people to boycott red meat, fish and vegetables for four days starting Thursday.

Consumer groups have already staged shopping strikes in several towns, including Algiers, Oran and Tizi Ouzou, after the prices of meat and vegetables doubled or tripled in two weeks.

The main labour federation. the Union General Des Travailleurs Algeriens, said it would support the national food strike,

Reports in the local media sug-

are gathering momentum. Two days ago 52 trate shoppers were arrested after they wrecked a market at Aflou and trampled on

the food. Algeria was rocked last October by riots sparked by economic hardships, high prices and shortages. Analysts say there could be a repetition unless discontent is rapidly defused.

In an unusually frank diagnosis of Algeria's economic problems, APS said earlier the weakness of the dinar was one of the main reasons for the wave of popular

The dinar is not at all well. It is sick, seriously sick," APS said. "This is obvious from the crazy surge in prices and exchange rates on the black market."

The agency said the French

ALGIERS (R) — A group call- gest protests against high prices franc cost five dinars on the black market, compared to an official rate of 1.15 dinars.

The situation was aggravated by rising unemployment, galloping population growth and the development of chronic shor-

Shortages had stimulated the black market, APS said, while the development of ostentatious signs of wealth was incompatible with the continuous degradation of the purchasing power of people on fixed incomes.

APS said bureaucracy in the public sector, which accounts for three quarters of the gross domestic product (GDP), was largely to blame, but the small private sector was not without guilt because tax evasion and

a repetition of the October riots. But it said the government of Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah

would cut this year's budget deficit to 1.9 per cent of GDP from five per cent last year, limit money supply growth to 10 per cent and wage war on tax evasion and fraud. It would also fight the black

risen on average by 46.7 per cent

lack of hard currency due to a

impossible to impose further au-

sterity measures," APS said,

clearly referring to the danger of

dramatic fall in oil revenues.

year since 1985 because of a

"For political reasons it was

market, impose a tax on external signs of wealth and make foreign embassies, diplomats and enterprises pay for rents and services Even before the latest in-

Iraq to build oil storage facilities

is to build a huge petroleum products storage complex at its southern Khor Al Zubiar port on the Gulf, the state-run, English-language daily Baghdad Observer reported Monday.

It said the project will be implemented by Iraq's oil ministry with the aim of boosting the export of oil products by tankers through the Gulf.

The newspaper quoted Ali Noori Ali, director of the oil projects department at the ministry, as saying the ministry already has begun compiling the necessary equipment to implement the project, expected to be completed in 1994.

The scheme will enable Iraq to export more of its oil products from its southern refinery at Basra. Ali said surplus products from other refineries also would be

He said the project comprises five stages including expanding oil storage capacities at the Basra refinery and the construction of a new pipeline network linking the refinery to the port which is some

80 kilometres to the south.

Ali also said the plan will include the construction of two terminals at the port, one for exporting white derivatives such as benzine, naphtha and gasoline and the other for fuel oil, lubricants and engine oils. He did not say how much the

project will cost. Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters earlier this month that the second stage of repairing the Basra refinery would be completed soon, enabling it to produce 140,000

barrels per day of different kinds

The first unit started operation last month and oil officials said regular export of products have started since then from Khor Al their plan to dig 42 million cubic Zubair nort. The port and the Basra facili-

ties had been badly damaged in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

Working 24 hours

Transport Minister Mohammad Hamza was last week quoted in the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra as saying that Iraq has eight giant excavators working night and day to deepen channels linking the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway to the

He said that teams had reached a depth of more than eight metres but they needed to dig ments of the peace plan can be over three metres deeper to en- implemented.

"Our workers have dug out 2.4 million cubic metres of the beds... I expect them to complete metres by the beginning of next year," Hamza was reported as

The channels - Khor Abdallah, and Khor Al Zubair — link the southern Iraqi ports of Umm Qasr and Al Zubair with the

Hamza told the paper that other Iraqi teams were dredging the Shatt, which is central to the dispute with Iran on the terms of a permanent peace in the Gulf, following last August's ceasefire.

Iraq is demanding that the waterway should be cleared of war debris before any other ele-

Saudis double wheat prices to Gulf states

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia has doubled the price of heavilysubsidised wheat exports to its Arab Gulf neighbours to near

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Ali Yousif Fakhro, chairman of Bahrain Flour Mills Company, told Reuters under a new agreement, Bahrain and other importers in the area would pay \$160-\$180 instead of \$80 for each tonne of Saudi wheat from May onwards. He said the price increase

would not be passed on to consumers because flour was subsidised on the island, as in many other Gulf states.

Last year Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Iraq imported around 275,000 tonnes of Saudi wheat. only a small percentage of the kingdom's 1988 crop, estimated at 3.2 million tonnes.

Industry sources said the price move reflected Saudi Arabia's concern with the \$400 a tonne subsidy it paid to big farmers.

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to the area are currently around Soviet Union. \$175-\$180 a tonne. Saudi Arabia slashed the sub-

sidy from \$533 a tonne last August and ordered farmers to plant more barley, of which about four million tonnes a year is imported.

The kingdom consumes around 850,000 tonnes of wheat a year and sells most of the balance outside the Gulf at market prices

- most notably to China and the

International traders said last week the kingdom had also begun selling wheat to Iran.

Bahrain imports around 70 per cent of its annual wheat requirements from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait around 50 per cent, and Qatar 10 per cent. The remainder comes from Australia.

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Top Abu Dhabi bank comes out of red

ABU DHABI (R) - Abu Dhabi's major bank, the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), rebounded into profit last year after heavy losses in 1987 due to large provisions against bad loans. An NBAD spokesman said it made net profits of 86.6 million dirhams (\$23.5 million) in 1988 after losses of 141 million (\$38.4 million) the previous year. "We expect that provisioning requirements will be considerably lower in future years," the spokesman quoted NBAD Chairman Mohammad Harboush Al Suweidi as saying. In the past few years, the bank had built up a fund against bad loans of over one billion dirhams (\$272 million), he said. Provisions for bad loans fell to 98.77 million dirhams (\$26.9 million) in 1988 from 233.8 million (\$63.7 million) in 1987. Assets in calendar 1988 rose to 24.6 billion dirhams (\$6.7 billion) from 19.9 billion (\$5.4 billion) in

UAE telecom firm puts in record gain

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) telecommunications firm Etisalat, the biggest quoted UAE company, reported record 1988 profits despite a series of rate cuts over the year. The firm said net profit rose 28 per cent over 1987 to 669.9 million dirhams (\$181 million). It said it proposed raising total dividends almost 14 per cent to 597.6 million dirhams (\$161.5 million). Stock of Etisalat, which was privatised six years ago and is capitalised at \$404 million, was being quoted at 545 dirhams (\$148.50) through the UAE's telephone-traded market. So far, only UAE nationals can buy shares.

Tunisia announces new oil find

TUNIS (R) - A Kuwait company has struck oil in a previously unproductive part of Tunisia, the national economy ministry has announced. A test well sunk in the Kairouan north concession by the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) has been producing about 400 tonnes of good quality crude a day since April 2, the ministry said in a statement. The onshore well, named Sidi Kilani-1, is in the province of Mahdia near the village of Sonassi, about 160 kilometres south of the capital Tunis, said the statement carried by the official news agency TAP. "Although the preliminary results are considered encouraging, it is however premature to speculate on the size and the commercial viability of this discovery, it added. Tunisia produced five million tonnes of crude in 1987, equivalent to about 100,000 barrels a day. Production has been declining throughout the 1980s and planners expect the country to become a net oil importer around 1993.

Mubarak urges Egyptians to work hard

CAIRO (R) - President Hosni Mubarak urged Egyptians Monday to derive inspiration from the liberation of the Sinai Peninsula for hard work to overcome economic woos. "We are capable of challenging all difficulties facing Egypt," Mubarak said in a televised speech marking the seventh anniversary of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. Raising the flags over the liberated lands must persuade us to exert maximum effort to overcome all economic problems," he said. Egypt is burdened by a \$43 billion foreign debt and has so far failed to reach a new pact on economic reforms with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to allow it to enter fresh debt rescheduling talks with creditors. The anniversary of the return of Sinai to Egypt should be regarded as a "renewal of confidence in ourselves to help rebuild the country and protect its stability," Mubarak said.

Kuwait recruits foreign power experts

KUWAIT (AP) — Kuwait is gathering a group of prominent European power experts seeking to rectify a fault in the electricity network that has caused two major blackouts in four months, Electricity and Water Minister Hmoud Al Rgubah was quoted as saying Monday. Al Rgubah told the Kuwaiti daily Al Watan that engineers from Britain, France and West Germany will arrive in Kuwait next week "to study the performance of the power network and propose solutions for averting the repetition of technical faults." The cabinet Sunday approved the recruitment of foreign experts and issued strict instructions to the ministry's personnel to avoid cutoff in the electric current. After the last power failure on April 13, the Kuwaiti Crown Prince warned that all those responsible for the power collapse should be punished.

1.5m Bangladeshis demand higher wages

DHAKA (AP) — Buses stayed off the streets and factories closed in Dhaka Monday as 1.5 million workers across the country began a day-long strike for higher wages, news reports said. United News of Bangladesh said employees of the public transport system did not show up for work and many car-owners stayed off the roads for fear of violence. The workers are demanding that their monthly wages be increased from 800 taka (\$25) to 1,400 taka (\$44). They also are seeking a cost-of-living increase equal to 60 per cent of their salaries and have rejected a government offer for 10 per cent that was scheduled to begin in July. Nirmal Sen, a spokesman for the unions, said the strike covered factory, transportation and shop

Iranian exports decline by 11 per cent

NICOSIA (R) — Iran exported non-oil goods worth \$971 million in the last Iranian year ending March 20, 11 per cent less than the previous year, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Monday. It said hand-woven woollen carpets, pistachio nuts, hides and copper bars' comprised two-thirds of the exports. Other major items included dried fruits, minerals, fish, shrimps and textiles. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, gave no reason for the decline but Iranian businessmen say the firming of the riyal in the open market following last August's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war made exports less profitable. Tehran has not given an official figure for its oil revenue in the last Iranian year, projected at about \$10 billion. Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said last month that higher crude prices had increased Iran's revenue by \$1.5 billion in the first

ATT earnings rise 20.6 per cent

NEW YORK (R) - American he told reporters. "The pace (of Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ATT), enjoying a boom in the long-distance telephone market, has said its first quarter profits jumped to \$594 million from \$492 million a year earlier.

Revenues rose to \$8.66 billion from \$8.39 billion, buoyed by robust long-distance and product

ATT's good news was not surprising. Analysts had expected earning growth of 15 to 20 per cent. In addition, rival MCI Communications Corp has said its first quarter profits were up 132 per cent, to \$135 million from \$58

"These results show continued progress," ATT Chairman Robert Allen told shareholders at company's 104th annual meeting. "We're seeing new vigour in our long-distance business and strong growth in international sales of products and services."

Allen added he would not be surprised if 21 per cent profit growth continued throughout

"This is not an aberration, at least based on our business plan,"

earnings growth) we have seen in the first quarter of the year was expected.

ATT's long-distance operations are being fuelled by aggressive advertising and sales promotions, an expanded sales force and increased regulatory flexibility, the company said in a statement.
ATT's long-distance usage

climbed five per cent in the first quarter.

Internationally, Allen said ATT was looking for a second supplier of personal computers. Intel Corp, which said recently it seeks to sell complete personal computers based on its popular microprocessors, is among the leading candidates, he said.

ATT currently sells personal computers made by Olivetti and Co, the Italian office systems company in which it has a 21 per cent stake.

The company's relations with Olivetti, strained recently, remain unchanged, Allen said, adding that finding a second supplier would "only be good busi-

Franco-Lebanese bank runs into difficulties

appointed a temporary adminis-Corporation, a French-registered bank owned mainly by Lebanesebased interests.

culties in its treasury operations amount, he added. Friday, leading the French Banking Commission, the official nected with Middle Eastern inbusiness.

deposits and damage to the balance sheet. They would either inject capital or find new partners, the statement said. One authoritative banking source said United is majorityowned by a Lebanese group, with the remaining capital dispersed among other Lebanon-based in-

terests. He declined to name the

PARIS (R) — The Bank of United had equity capital of 101 France said Monday it had million francs (\$16 million) at the end of 1988 and reported a loss trator for the United Banking for the year, the source, who asked not to be named, said.

The initial losses were identified about two weeks ago at The central bank said in a around 35 million francs (\$5.5 statement United ran into diffi- million), but could be double that United is the fourth bank con-

banking watchdog, to conclude terests to run into difficulties in United was unable to continue recent months. In October, 1988, the Bank of Shareholders were seeking a France intervened when Al Sandi solution to avoid loss of customer

Banque was unable to meet commitments, requiring all Parisbased banks to contribute to a bailout fund. The central bank in late February withdrew the banking licence of Banque de Participations et de

Placements (BPP), run by Lebanese businessman Roger Tamraz, and the Lebanese central bank earlier stepped in to majority stakeholder.

With a balance sheet total of 1.6 billion francs, (\$255 million)

support Paris-based Al Mashreq Bank, which was connected with the BPP.

New arrests deepen **Bordeaux wine scandal**

AGEN, France (R) — France's new Bordeaux wine scandal deepened this week after police arrested directors of a big distributor of well-known vintages on suspicion of fraud.

Christophe Piat and Jacques Reyn, of Vinyrama, were taken into custody at the weekend and charged in this southwestern town by examining magistrate Jean De Maillard, who is probing a cheap-wine-in expensive-bottles

Top vintages handled by Vinyrama include Margaux, Pomerol, Saint-Emilion and Sauternes. Before the arrests, authorities sealed Vinyrama warehouses

containing millions of bottles of

wine. A big British truck that had come to load up went away Investigations began three months ago when police discovered an illegal shipment of wine

during a routine road check. About 50 people have been interrogated in the past two weeks. So far 17 people have been charged with false labelling, false advertising and fraudulent repre-

sentative of the quality of goods

sold. Eleven are in detention

Under France's strict regulations for vintage wines, the amount that can be produced in any year is limited to maintain

Modern vineyards may often produce double the amount allowed and are obliged by law to turn their surplus into industrial alcohol, vinegar of grape juice at a huge loss compared with profits to be made on the sale of vintage The swindle, which one investi-

gator called "marvellous in its simplicity," involved diverting controlled shipments of surplus wine to warehouses where it was bottle and corked. It could then be labelled and capped Bordeaux, Saint-Emilion

or whatever the client desired. "If they had been less greedy they could have kept the racket going for years," the investigator said. He estimated that several million bottles of falsely-labelled wine had reached tables in France and abroad.

The scandal is the second to hit Bordeaux wines this decade. Demand dropped after the last affair in 1984 but picked up last year thanks to a growing Japanese market.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday, April 24, 1989 Central Bank official rates

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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	1.8528/35	Deutschemarks
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	1.6323/33	Swiss francs
	38.81/84	Beigian francs
	6.2825/75	French francs
-	1360/1361	Italian lire
	131.15/25	Japanese yen
	6.3070/20	Swedish crowns
-	6.7300/50	Norwegian crowns
	7.2135/85	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	383.95/384.25	U.S. dollars

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

By Reuters

SYDNEY — The market was sharply higher at the close after news of a hostile raid on Goodman Fielder Wattie stock by Rank Hovis McDougall. The Ali Ordinaries index was up 23.3 at

TOKYO - Prices ended lower in the slowest trade of 1989 on concerns over interest rates and the domestic political situation. The Nikkei was down 223.89 to 32,805.92.

HONG KONG — Blue chips closed a season day lower after thin trading. The Hang Seng index closed 13.24 lower at 3,095.99. SINGAPORE — Share prices closed marginally higher but off early gains in intermittent profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index rose 2.97 to 1,247.24.

BOMBAY — The exchange was closed to let brokers settle pending transactions for the two weeks ended last Friday. Trading resumes Tuesday. FRANKFURT — Shares closed mixed to lower in quiet trading,

with last week's Bundesbank rates rises still weighing on the market. The DAX index fell 7.83 to 1,368.38. ZURICE - Prices closed generally easier on low turnover as higher Swiss interest rates dampened market sentiment. The

all-share Swiss index fell 0.4 to 1,024.1. PARIS — Shares were steady by midday but off their morning highs, with operators cautious following last week's Bundesbank

LONDON - Stocks were mixed to slightly furmer in the afternoon in quiet business, with share turnover amongst the lowest so far this year. Dealers said concerns that key U.K. trade figures Wednesday could hurt sterling and trigger a rise in interest rates continue to weigh on the market. At 1452 GMT the FTSE 100 was up three at 2064.0.

NEW YORK - Selling resumed in mid-morning after a brief recovery followed early profit-taking. The Dow was down 10 at

Baseball Roundup

ATLANTA (AP) — Dale Murphy had the second six-RBI game of his career, hitting a two-run homer in the third inning, a tworun single in the sixth and a two-run double in the eighth Sunday to lead Atlanta past San

Diego 9-4.

Murphy has nine RBIs in the last three games — all against San Diego. He's boosted his batting average from .136 to .194, getting six hits in 13 at-bats over that

Murphy's previous six-RBI game was on July 12, 1978, against San Francisco. Tom Glavine, 3-0, allowed eight hits in 6, 2-3 innings, struck

out four and walked two. Atlanta scored three runs in the first off Dennis Rasmussen, 1-3. Gerald Perry bit a two-run homer, his third homer of the season, and Jeff Treadway hit a run-scoring single. Pirates 6, Phillies 4

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bobby Bonilla's two-run bomer in the eighth inning capped Pittsburgh's rally from a four-run deficit and Logan Easley won his first game since April 20, 1987. Philadelphia led 4-0 — all on

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unearned runs - before Pittsburgh scored three runs in the sixth and three in the eighth. Singles by pinch-hitter John Cangelosi, José Lind and R.J. Reynolds in the sixth scored a run and chased starter Larry McWil-

Ricky Jordan misplayed Bonilla's grounder to first, allowing a second run to score and Barry Bonds followed with a run-scor-

ing groundout. Gary Redus singled off Mike Maddux to open the eighth, Jose Lind sacrificed and R.J. Reynolds hit a game-tying double off Steve Bedrosian, 1-2. Bonilla, who hit 24 homers last year, followed with his first home run off the season.

Mike Schmidt hit a two-run homer in the first, the 547th of his

Expos 9, Cardinals 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Spike Owen had three hits and drove in three rans and Hubic Brooks homered as the Expos snapped a three-game losing streak.

Montreal, which had been held

to four runs by St. Louis in the previous three games, had 15 hits off five Cardinals' pitchers, including four doubles and two triples. Tim Raines had three hits and scored two runs.

Bryn Smith, 2-0, gave up five hits and struck out two in seven innings. Joe Hesketh finished the combined seven-hitter.

Cris Carpenter, 0-1, gave up three runs and six hits in 4 1-3 St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith, who has won nine straight gold gloves, committed his third

error of the week. Mets 4, Cubs 2

NEW YORK (AP) - Kevin McReynolds hit a two-run, go-ahead homer in the eighth inning as New York won despite Andre Dawson's 300th career home run.

It was the Cubs' sixth loss in seven games and the Mets' fifth victory in their last seven. New York has come from behind in its last four victories and six of eight this season.

Calvin Schiraldi, 1-1, walked Tim Tenfel leading off the eighth and McReynolds followed with his second homer of the season, giving the Mets a 3-2 lead.

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Opening lead: Queen of ∇ We are not proud of South's bid-ding on this hand from a rubber bridge game at New York's renowned Cavendish Club. Fortunately, South had the skill and some help from the enemy to land his

Since North could not bid over one heart, his jump in response to his partner's takeout double showed little more than length in the bid suit. Under the circumstances, South would have been wiser to select the minor-suit game. Indeed,

six diamonds could be made on several different lines, depending on what the defenders chose as their

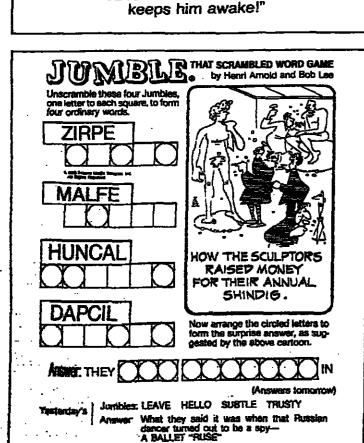
opening lead. Against three no trump West led the top of his heart sequence. East covered with his king and returned the eight after declarer allowed the defenders to win the first trick. Since there was no need for a second holdup, declarer took his ace. It might seem that declarer needed only the diamond finesse, but note the spots—after the ace captures the king, the suit is blocked.

At the third trick declarer led a

crafty jack of diamonds. Actually, then he could get to dummy by over-taking the third diamond. West could have blocked the suit by covering with the king, but he was afraid, not unreasonably, his partner might have the bare queen. The jack won and now declarer had to

resolve the diamond blockage. He found a pretty ploy—he exited with a heart! West made a fatal error; he started to cash his heart winners. Declarer quickly shed the offending ten of diamonds. After West took his last heart, declarer was able to win any return, pick up the king of diamonds by leading the queen, and run his long cards in the suit for the rest of the tricks.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Waltrip charges to victory

MARTINSVILLE, Virginia (AP) - Darrel Waltrip charged to his third victory of the season, fending off a late challenge by Dale Earnhardt in winning the Pannill sweatshirts 500 Sunday at Martinsville speedway. Waltrip, who opened the season with a dramatic victory in the Daytona 500 and won at Atlanta, led the final 52 laps of the 500-lap, 263-mile (423-kilometre) event on the .526-mile (.846-kilometre) Oval. Waltrip, 42, a three-time Winston Cup champion, has 76 career victories. Waltrip chose to pass up a pit stop when the rest of the leaders went in during the last of five caution periods. That put him in the lead on lap 314. The final 180 laps were run under the green flag and Earnhardt took the lead when Waltrip made his final pit stop on lap 418. Waltrip, who won only three races in the past two seasons, averaged a race record 79.025 MPH (127.174 KPH), breaking his mark of 78.025 (125.56) set in 1978. But he fell short of Cale Yarborough's 1978 track mark of 79.185 (127.432). The winner earned \$53,600.

Scoggin, Wyland win 10-metre platform

BOCA RATON, Florida (AP) - Matt Scoggin, the 1977 winner of this event, and Wendy Wyland, the 1984 Olympic bronze medallist, won the 10-metre platform titles in the U.S. Diving Championships Sunday. Scoggin broke away from the field in the men's event after the fourth of 10 dives. He led Olympian Patrick Jeffrey by one point going into the fifth dive, where each attempted an armstand cut-through reverse 1½ somersault free. Scoggin scored 70.20 points to Jeffrey's 63.96 and began the pullaway. He won with 616.77 points. Jeffrey finished second with 582.18 points. "All the hard work and training the last three months paid off," said the 25-year-old Scoggin, winner over the famed Greg Louganis in the nationals two years ago. "Usually when I train this hard, I injure myself. I stayed healthy and I'm in the best shape of my life," Scoggin said. "This assures me I have the capability." Wyland, 24, wearing a patch to protect a punctured car drum injured in practice two weeks ago, held off defending champion Wendy Lian Williams to earn her first National title in five years.

Finance policeman replaces Nebiolo

FLORENCE, Italy (R) — Italy's Athletics Federation Fidal Sunday elected a lieutenant-colonel in the finance police to succeed former President Primo Nebiolo who resigned in January after a series of damaging scandals. Gianni Gola, 42, won more than 75 per cent of the votes at an extraordinary meeting in Florence and said his aim was to "avoid every possible centralisa-tion of authority." Gola began his athletics career in 1961 as a shot putter. Two years later he switched to discuss and then the hammer, becoming Italian junior champion in the latter discipline. He gave up competitive athletics at the age of 19 to enter the finance police. Nebiolo, a Turin lawyer, quit Fidai after 20 years at the helm but remains President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Pressure on him to step down mounted a year ago after the Italian Olympic Committee found officials had rigged a long jump result at the 1987 Rome world championships which resulted in Italian Giovanni Evangelista wrongly being awarded the bronze medal.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE - As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

What is reasonable, is possible. -Perfection is a dream that rarely appears in the real world. Change is in the wind when innovative ideas ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Me

titude has gotten you into dif-ficulties before. Use your talents for income-raising and business.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Your ability to create is in focus. You are pampered by a devotee. Practice moderation and prepare for a couple of busy days ahead. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Intuition is clever, and it can be used for experimental projects. Avoid a fair weather friend who tries to involve you in his or her problems.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) You are faced with an important decision. Keep finances growing in order to have something to fall back on. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You are

given additional responsibility that is also challenging. You could win greater freedom. Be diplomatic and soften your responses.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use
your initiative to start new ideas.

A more unorthodox approach is needed. Bring more color into your wardrobe by looking chipper. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You

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THE Daily Crossword by Victor Jambor, Jr.

get nothing in return. Focus on local travel and keeping personal records up-to-date. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Look before you leap. You usually do, but this is a very active time with many options to look at. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Work for a tighter, more close ly knit family. Hunches and psychic inspiration work wonders. Spell out any agreements in detail. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

You are a self-starter. A financial deal must wait for it's maturity. Emotions can cloud your appraisal

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Affairs of the heart are on the top of the list. If strong messages are not getting through to someone, try a humorous approach. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You

can get flustered over small matters and worry yourself into a furor. You will be laughing about all of this

after the stress passes.

If Your Child is Born Today
He or she will be attracted to
variety and change. Your child will
not like to follow established norms; thus, he or she can be an experimenter and inventor by finding uni-que and original ideas for almost everything. Expect your son or daughter to be a high energy

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'welcome' at 1992 **Olympics**

Johnson

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) games will be held.

Some 3½ years before the 1992 Olympics open in Barcelona, the IOC's executive board was beginning four days of meetings Monday, with drug use among athletes again up for discussion.

As the board prepared to ask the federations governing summer sports to adopt uniform anti-doping policies, its leader said Sunday that the biggest drug cheat of the Seoul games, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, would be welcome to compete in Barcelona in

medal again.

The board's agenda for the week contained nothing dramatic, although it was to deal with eligibility for soccer players in the '92 games.

FIFA, soccer's world body, wants to limit the Olympic tournament to players 23 years and younger; while the IOC wants broader eligibility.

Johnson was stripped of the gold and a world-record time of 9.79 seconds when he tested positive for illegal steroids in Seoul. He then was banned from international competition for two years, so he would have from September 1990 until the games

performance-boosting drugs, has wants to compete in Barcelona.

Even though Johnson might have created the biggest drug scandal in Olympic history, Samaranch said he would be treated "like any other athlete."

"Johnson was treated like any other athlete in Seoul when we suspended him," Samaranch "Now, we have to do the same... he must not get more sanctions because he is Johnson. This is not fair."

worldwide attention on drug use

Government and sports officials agreed to test athletes yearround, not just at major competioviet Union and East German said they would join forces in an anti-drug campaign. The Canadian government ordered an inquiry into drug use by its athletes. Samaranch said he was not surprised by the waves created.

those most guilty in the Johnson case were coaches, trainers and others who helped him use the

drugs.
"I have said many, many times that I think the people who are really guilty are the people sur-rounding Johnson," he said.

The shadow of Seoul hangs over the International Olympic Committee as its top officials meet in the city where the next summer

"Why not?" IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said when asked if he would like to see Johnson competing for a gold

No final decision was expected

of 1992 to get ready. The sprinter has denied taking returned to training and says he

The Johnson case focused

tion. The United States, the

"When we suspended him, we had in mind that we were suspending at that moment the no. 1 athlete in the world," he said. Samaranch also reiterated that

Soviet tennis stars rebel tennis player Andrei Chesnokov wants to follow the lead of compatriot Natalia Zvereva and keep

carning. Chesnokov, 23, defeated Jerome Potier of France 6-4, 6-4, Sunday in the finals of the \$200,000 Swatch Open tennis tournament, good for a \$28,000 first prize.

more of the big paychecks he's

winning performances have meant money in the bank for the Soviet Tennis Federation. Chesnokov wants to join with Zvereva and change all that.

But for Soviet players, prize-

"I want to keep this money, and I will tell the federation I will keep this money and try to change the situation for next time," Chenokov told reporters. The 17-year-old Zvereva, ranked in the top 10 and rising on the

women's circuit, announced 10

checks directly.

"I think Zvereva is quite right," Chesnokov said. "I want to do the same thing as Zvereva, but when? I want to speak with some people about this situation Monday.

He refused to say whom he would be meeting, and stopped short of declaring that he intended to follow her example and sign a player agent.

The Nice tournament was the third Chesnokov has won, bringing his career earnings to more than half a million dollars.

"Out of the \$500,000, I received maybe \$10,000 to 12,000" Chesnokov said. "When I won \$59,500 at Orlando, I got 496 bucks from the federation. Do you believe that? 496"

The Soviet player did not seem sports agency Proserve and to think negotiation with the wanted to collect her tournament Soviet Tennis Federation would

work. "It's impossible to talk to to federation. Only one way to do:

Zvereva found the way," he said Earlier in the week. Chesis kov spoke of the frustration of watching his earnings go into m. federation's checkbook

"When you win \$100,000; 200,000 and get from this new c nothing, there is no motivated and no interest to play that a Chesnokov said Saturday winning the semilinuis. " 14 play good tennis | w. . . . best tennis."

This week, Chesnokov no. to play his best tennis in 702,500-dollar Monte Open, where Mats Win Boris Becker and iii and

abbar fares well Abdul-J

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar made the 25th and final stop on his retirement tour Sunday — at the home of the Los Angeles Lakers - and received a Rolls Royce from his teammates and a tennis court from the Lakers' owner.

In addition, Inglewood Mayor Ed Vincent announced that the name of a street bordering the east parking lot of the team's home court — The Forum — that was previously known as Forum Way, has been changed to Kareem Court.

The 45-minute retirement ceremony took place just before the Lakers beat the Seattle Supersonics 121-117 in the final regular-season game of Abdul-Jabbar's 20-year NBA career.

Abdul-Jabbar scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds while playing 26 minutes. Abdul-Jabbar, who turned 42 on April 16, leaves the game

having set numerous records. He's played more seasons than anyone ever, 20, more games, 1,560 and more minutes, 57,446. He's also the NBA's all-time leading scorer with 38,389 points an third-leading rebounder with 17,440, has played in 19 all-star

games, won six most valuable player awards and been a member of six championship teams. Abdul-Jabbar, who sat in an oversized rocking chair during the ceremony, gave thanks afterhis teammates, the Lakers' coaching staff, John Wooden, his Thursday night), we're coach at UCLA, his parents and see what we can do about four children, who were on hand, and the fans

About team owner Jerry Buss and general manager Jerry West, Abdul-Jabbar said, "They made it real easy for me to stay here. They made me offers I couldn't

Citing the success of the Lak-

another one (championship When presenting Abdul-.i-. bar with the Rolls Royce, to mate Magic Johnson said,

you've been carrying us on you back all these years, we decided to get you something to carry you around town. We hope that you ers, Abdul-Jabbar said, "hopeful- enjoy it. All we want is a ride.

Edberg beats Lendi

TOKYO (R) — A speedy, onform Stefan Edberg of Sweden overcame Czechoslovak world number one Ivan Lendl 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the final of the \$752,500 Japan Open Tennis Tournament

Monday.

The win brought Wimbledon champion Edberg his 19th career title and a first Grand Prix tournament victory for six months. For Lendl, it was only the second defeat of the year out of 25 matches.

During much of the two-hourseven minute tussle, the players looked evenly matched. Edberg played the silent, serve-and-vollev assassin at the net and Lendl the man on the baseline with the

powerful passing shots.
But in the third set, Edberg changed tactics and raised his play to break Lendl's serve in the wards to many people including | ninth game and go 5-4 up.

"I wanted this win very badly and kept myself cool," said the Swede, ranked fifth in the world and seeded second here.

"I worked very hard. I was serving well and volleying well ... playing good from the baseline and returning his serve. "The way I played today is not

very far from the level I played at Wimbledon," he added. Edberg roased into the first set. dominating from the net where his fast footwork and lightening reflexes enabled him to return

Lendl's strong groundstrokes. If broke Lendl's serve in the

But Lendi rallied. He opencu the second set with an ace and produced a series of unstoppable returns to go 2-0 up. He took the set 6-2 after breaking service again in the last game.

Club officials estimated that

filed into the ground to pay their

respects in the eight days sinc.

the tragedy struck at Sheffield

Hillsborough Stadium at a materia

Fans weep for Liverpool dead

LIVERPOOL, England (R) — a shrine to the dead. down in tears at Liverpool's Anfield Stadium on Sunday at a religious service to the memory of the 95 victims of Britain's worst sports disaster.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish and his players gathered inside the ground for the service of blessing conducted by the city's Roman Catholic archbishop, Derek Warlock.

Many fans and relatives of the victims wept uncontrollably as they linked arms and sang the Liverpool anthem "you'll never

walk alone." Over the past week Liverpool

supporters and other mourners

have turned Anfield Stadium into

covered almost a third of the

playing area in front of the famous "Kop" terrace where the club's fans stand to cheer their heroes.

on Sunday evening.

"You have made what could have been a sombre graveyard into a beautiful Easter garden, Warlock said

Club officials said a single flower for each of the fans who died would be thrown into the river Mersey, which runs through Liverpool. Liverpool Football Club

between Liverpool and Not: ham Forest. Liverpool fans would be usked what should be done with the thousands of scarves and other tributes while the club was plan-

to the dead. The queue to enter the ground! stretched for two miles (three marked the end of a week of kilometres) on Sunday morrise mourning when it closed the gates and police said up to 2000 of the Stadium after the service people an hour were new through the stadium.

ning a more permanent memorial

Peanuts







Mutt'n' Jeff





Andy Capp









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Stormy protests engulf Peking's universities

PEKING (R) — Stormy scenes erupted on Peking campuses Monday when striking students rallied to demand dialogue with communist leaders on democratic reforms.

As a protest campaign entered its second week one mass meeting collapsed in chaos with accusations that authorities were infiltrating the movement.

Calls for a nationwide classroom strike won widespread support at major colleges in Peking and few students attended classes. They appeared to have little impact elsewhere in the

In two provincial capitals, Xian and Changsha, tension was still running high after rioting during the weekend linked to the death of former Communist Party lead-

er Hu Yaobang, residents said. Teachers in Changsha, Hunan province, quoted students as saying 300 to 400 people had been arrested in rioting but only a few students were involved. A local official said only 20 to 30 had been detained.

put up posters outside the campus calling for press freedom and democracy, attracting crowds of curious workers, in the first political poster campaign to appear on the streets of the capital since the ill-fated "democracy wall" movement 10 years ago.

Organisers of last week's huge demonstrations in central Peking held a rally of about 4,000 students to announce plans for new democratically-elected student associations to replace existing, officially-sponsored bodies.

But the meeting on Peking University's sports ground ended in uproar and acrimony after some students on the nine-member organising committee called for the expulsion of another as an alleged infiltrator working for authorities.

Zhang Zhiyong, the accused activist, who is also representa-At Peking University, students tive of an official student body,

the crowd, hundreds of whom walked away in disgust. Other student leaders opposed the expulsion, calling for unity.

"This is not democracy, this is just chaos and it gives a very bad impression to students who are unsure whether to take part. It is sad," a woman student com-

the release of political prisoners, the end to the constitutional "leading role" of the Communist Party, and the resignation of premier Li Peng and vice-premier Yao Yilin.

"Our initial goal is dialogue with the government," one activist told the crowd, to a roar of

Wang Dan, a history student, said their campaign was "the most important student campaign for 70 years," referring to the 1919 May 4 movement, whose anniversary is expected to be marked by new demonstrations.

Turning point "We are at an historical turning

was prevented from addressing point. The leaders have seen what the power of the people is. History will show that our actions were just ones," he declared.

At Qinghua University, 2,500 students gave thunderous applause to prominent academic Chen Mingyuan who made an outdoor speech attacking China's propagandist media.

You (the media) are not deaf. Earlier, the rally beard calls for and dumb, why don't you admit you have made mistakes." he said. "When you go to bed at night, think about why you can't "They (the leaders) have tram-

pled on the constitution. We are defending it," said Chen, a philo-sopher from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. China's constitution guarantees freedom of speech, press and associa-tion and the right to demonstrate. Students from the University of Politics and Law marched

through streets in the northwest of the city collecting donations from passers-by. Neither college officials nor police made any effort to obstruct them.



demanding democracy.

campuses has become increasingappeared April 15 after the death of Hu Yaobang, who was forced to resign as party chief in 1987 and has become a symbol of democratic freedoms for protest-

ing students. Cartoon posters reminiscent of word "rumour" written on its

TOKYO (R) - A leading mass-

said Monday Prime Minister

Noboru Takeshita, under fire

over the Recruit scandal, had

asked veteran party leader

Masayoshi Ito to succeed him. But the former foreign minister

told reporters in remarks broad-

cast on television: "It is not true.

I am not so stupid as to do it."

and Kyodo news agencies said Takeshita also denied the Yomiuri Shimbun report. Offi-

cials at the prime minister's office

cians close to Takeshita" as

saying he could resign as early as

next month after passage of the

1989/1990 budget bill through

The newspaper said Takeshita

asked Ito, chairman of the Liber-

al Democratic Party's (LDP) ex-

ecutive board, to succeed him as

party president and prime minis-

ter but Ito refused on health and

Ito, 75, is the only senior party

leader not implicated in the Re-

cruit scandal that has already

He is reported to be suffering

from diabetes and is reluctant to

take over the post and fight what

is expected to be an uphill battle

to win a scheduled upper house

LDP has fallen to rock-bottom as

a result of the scandal, a con-

troversial sales tax introduced

The popularity of the ruling

other unspecified grounds.

torced the resignal

election in August.

cabinet ministers.

Yomiuri quoted "senior politi-

declined comment.

Parliament.

He did not elaborate and Jiji

The tone of the hundreds of the vitriolic personal attacks posters plastering the walls of made on officials during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s ly strident since they first and 1970s have appeared at Peking Teaching University.

Some lampoon the premier as a pig and a snail, "afraid to come out of his shell and face students" and the official New China News Agency as a dog with the

Takeshita reportedly asks

Ito to take over the helm

Noboru Takeshita

this month and farm import poli-

cies which have angered rural

General Shintaro Abe, former Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone and

former Finance Minister Kiichi

Mivazawa all received cut-rate shares and large donations from

Recruit. a telecommunications

businessmen and bureaucrats.

have been arrested in the scandal.

of parliament (MP), commenting

on the Yomiuri report, said such

behind-the-scenes moves to pre-

pare for the possible resignation

of Takeshita were likely from

The MP, who declined to be

named, ruled out the possibility

that Takeshita would step down

Thirteen people, including top

A senior ruling party member

and publishing firm.

Takeshita, LDP Secretary-

Another shows national leader Deng Xiaoping, party chief Zhao Ziyang and Li adrift in a boat, unable to decide which way to

Zhao left the student unrest behind him Monday, arriving in North Korea for his first official

before he leaves April 29 for a tour of southeast Asian countries.

Opposition parties have block-

ed deliberations on the budget to

back calls for full disclosure on

Earlier Monday, Kyodo quoted a veteran LDP politician

only identified as a party elder

from Abe's faction, as saying

Takeshita was likely to quit after

Takeshita would be the first

the passage of the 60.4 trillion-

prime minister to be forced into

resignation over a political scan-

dal since Kakuei Tanaka quit in

December 1974 over shady real

More and more LDP lawmak-

ers, as well as senior business-

men, have called on Takeshita to

step down after a series of defeats

and setbacks in local elections.

yen (\$457 billion) budget.

estate dealings.

the Recruit scandal.

Royal Opera chief Jeremy Isaacs. Magic wand, take flies arrive for

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin (AP) - When Paul Glaros arrived for a convention this week, he made sure he had the right equipment: magic wands, fake flies and red noses. More than 1,000 amateur and professional pranksters from North America and Europe were scheduled to attend the World Clown Association's National Convention, which began Wednesday and runs through Sunday. "Look," Glaros, 65, said in a child's voice as he reached into a big paper bag for what was supposed to be a sandwich. But he cried out in mock pain as he removed his hand, to which an oversized mousetrap was attached. Glaros and his 34-yearold wife, April, are proprietors as well as performers. The snap-trap painless mousetrap is one of the premier products sold by the couple's Norfolk, Virginia, business. mirth for all reasons. Other silly supplies include plastic whistles, magic hats, flowers-from-a-handkerchief kits, and balls that change colour.

WASHINGTON (R) - A govemment plan to survey America's sex life in explicit detail — including names of partners — has run

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Cheney calls for SDI cuts, delay of Stealth

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney is calling for cuts in proposed Star Wars spending and a delay in the B-2 Stealth bomber to meet the \$299.2 billion Defence Department budget the Bush administration and congressional leaders have agreed upon.

Cheney, in a television interview Sunday, also said President George Bush has decided to move ahead with two kinds of mobile strategic missiles, combining the MX and the Midgetman missiles in the nation's defence. The defence secretary is sche-

duled to appear before Congress Tuesday to detail the cuts. Bush decided to cut spending on Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative or SDI, to \$4.6 billion for fiscal year 1990, down from the \$5.9 billion proposed by former President Ronald Reagan. Over the next five years, Bush would spend \$33 billion on the spacebased missile defence system, compared to Reagan's proposed

Cheney said the president will shift the focus of SDI from deployment sometime in the 1990s to research on a more advanced system, known as "Brilliant Pebbles," consisting of thousands of orbiting satellites.

"SDI is alive and well, but like everything else, it has to fit into a reduced budget," Cheney said on NBC-TV's "Meet The Press"

Bush turned down Cheney's recommendation to move the nation's 50 MIX missiles, with 10warheads apiece, from silos to deployment on railroad cars sequence them. That is, we will

rather than develop a single-warhead missile to be based on

The single-warhead missile is backed by National Security adviser Brent Scowcroft and the chairmen of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, Democratic Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, and Democratic Representative Les Aspin of "What I recommended to the

president was that we go forward with the rail-garrison system. Brent Scowcroft recommended we go forward with the small Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM). The president basically said, 'try to do both'." Cheney said.

"But instead of doing both



do rail garrison first, try to put a little bit of money in the budget next year for the small ICBM, and then as we get the rail garrison deployed, we will start to ramp up on the small ICBM," he

Amnesty pushes for end to death penalty

Pretoria tight-lipped over Irish arms deal

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International called Tuesday for the abolition of the death penaldid not deter criminals and were often used for political repression.

"The time has come to abolish the death penalty worl-dwide," the London-based human rights organisation said in a report, "The case for abolition becomes more pressing with each passing year."
Amnesty said: "No clear evi-

dence that the death penalty has a unique deterrent effect has emerged from the many studies

Amnesty said it had recorded 15,320 executions in about 90 countries in the past decade but some estimates put the number

JOHANNESBURG (R) -

South Africa stayed silent Mon-

day about the actions of one of its

diplomats caught red-handed in

Paris allegedly trying to do an arms deal with Northern Irish

But the government could not

gag opposition criticism over French media reports that Daniel

Storm, a technical attache, tried

to trade South African arms for

parts of a British Blowpipe sur-

Britain demanded an explana-

tion from Pretoria for the alleged

attempt to buy the missile, raising

the issue with South African offi-

cials in London and Pretoria.

diplomatic sources said.

Protestant militants.

face-to-air missile.

In many countries, it said, execution was used either for

ortionately against the poor or certain racial groups. Thousands of people, some of whom had been tortured, had been put to death after unfair

trials in at least 20 countries and children aged only 14 had been executed. "Prisoners of conscience and the mentally ill have been

among those hanged, shot, gassed, electrocuted, poisoned, beheaded or stoned to death by judicial order in the past decade," Amnesty said.

The group's report, covering 180 countries and territories, showed that nearly half the

Three alleged members of the

Protestant paramilitary Ulster

Defence Association (UDA)

were charged Saturday with arms

trafficking, receiving stolen goods

and conspiracy for the purpose of

terrorism. French media reports

The three men and a U.S. arms

dealer were arrested Friday by

French counter-intelligence

agents at a Paris hotel while in the

company of Storm, who was re-

leased after claiming diplomatic

Foreign Minister Pik Botha

would say only that Storm work-

ed as an administrative and tech-

nical officer in the Paris mission

States, where blacks comprise 12 per cent of the population but accounted for 40 per cent of the record 2,182 prisoners on death row at the end of 1988.

safeguards, the use of the death penalty in the U.S. appears to be arbitrary and racially biased," Amnesty said.

"The evidence suggests that race - especially that of the victim — has an important bearing on the likelihood of a death sentence being imposed, particularly in the southern

The report criticised the

Government sources said

The opposition has always

Storm was still in Paris but he was

warned that South Africa must be

said Dave Delling, defence

spokesman for the anti-apartheid

"If terrorist organisations are involved, we should know about

it." said Koos van der Merwe,

defence spokesman of the ultra-

rightist official opposition Con-

er, that he was not against clan-

destine operations to thwart an

Van der Merwe added, howev-

very careful in its arms dealings,'

being investigated.

likely to be recalled.

Democratic Party.

servative Party.

and that media reports were 11-yer-old international arms

by lethal injection. During the execution of Raymond Landry tube attached to the needle leaked and witnesses reported hearing groans before the pris oner was pronounced dead 17

Amnesty said thousands of people, including children, were reported to have been executed in Iran for political reasons in the early 1980s, with more than 1,200 political executions in the second half of 1988.

The organisation said it knew of no case in which a defendant before an Iranian revolutionary court on a political charge had been allowed a defence lawver or an appeal against sentence.

embargo against the white-led

Diplomatic sources said that it

the South African government

was implicated, fragile links with

France would be further strained.

If South Africa were supplying

arms to a guerrilla faction in

Northern Ireland, its cordial rela-

tionship with Britain, one of

South Africa's less vociferous cri-

tics, would suffer a serious set-

An attempted deal with a guer-

rilla group would also dent the credibility of a government which

constantly preaches against aid to

terrorism because it faces armed

attack from black nationalist

back, the sources said.

Ortega wants Europe to mend his fence with U.S.

PARIS (R) - Nicaraguan Presi- the first time, Ortega said he dent Daniel Ortega, starting a would also ask Chancellor Hel-European tour, said Monday he wanted Europe to help his country normalise ties with the United

"We want to normalise our relations with the U.S. We are not their enemies," Ortega, dressed in battle fatigues, told a news conference. "We want to know

exactly what they have against us

so we can reply."

Ortega, on the first leg of a 10-nation swing through Western Europe, said he would ask French President Francois Mitterrand to speak on behalf of war-battered Nicaragua when he met President George Bush in

May in the United States. In West Germany and Britain, where he is to meet Europe's foremost conservative leaders for mut Kohl and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to intercede with Washington.

The Nicaraguan leader said he believed Bush was ready to change heart towards the ruling Sandinistas, who have fought for eight years against U.S.-backed contra rebels, but was trapped by the tough line of of the previous Reagan administration.

"I do not believe Bush wants a repetition of history," he said. But violence is rampant across Central America and if the situation worsens it will be difficult for the Americans to implement a

Ortega said he would press Europeans to back a regional peace plan signed in El Salvador in February and seek financial

Nicaragua, cut off from international credit because of U.S. pressure and heavily reliant on socialist countries, is hoping to clinch \$250 million of Western aid

ference of donor countries. West Germany cut off aid in 1984 in protest at a crackdown on political opposition and Britain has said it will not help Nicaragua until it takes steps to democra-

next month at a Stockholm con-

Ortega was to leave Paris Monday for talks with European Community leaders in Brussels and meet Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Wednesday. He will also visit Greece, Italy, Ireland. Norway and Sweden in the most extensive foreign trip he has

Reuter

BELFAST - Someone somewhere always seems to be watching you in the bomb-

Net curtains twitch whenever a stranger walks by in neighbourhoods scarred by 20 years of sectarian warfare between Protestant and Catholic in

well be the Irish Republican Army (IRA) recruits of tomorrow, stand on deserted street corners, watching warily as you pass through their jealously

A British army helicopter hovers constantly above, the whup-whupping of its prop-

for the daily drama that pits guerrillas, Protestant paramili-

images to British army headquarters. Sometimes they may be just innocent shots of children playing in streets littered with broken glass, blackened by dozens of petrol bombs.

But last March they beamed back to base horrifying images of two British soldiers being attacked in their car, beaten by an enraged mob, stripped and shot dead after apparently straying into the path of an

On the streets of west Belfast, teenage British soldiers look straight through you

down the sights of their rifles. They are constantly on the lookout for snipers hidden down an alley, ready to pick out the vulnerable "tailend

Official eyes watch you from the tops of high-rise apartments where for safety's sake troops have to be flown in by helicopter to their surveillance posts. Even the car number plates of passing motorists are recorded for the computer.

Charlie" on a patrol.

Those high-rise "snooping posts" are a constant challenge to the IRA which recently occupied a vacant apartment directly underneath one of the surveillance teams.

The resulting bomb blew out the apartment's windows, ternified the old people living in the block but failed to injure

Police stations look like modern-day wild west forts with their fortress walls and turrets topped by swivelling surveillance cameras. Wire mesh nets are put up to stop mortar attacks.

The border with the Irish Republic is dotted with watch towers to monitor the movements of IRA guerrillas in their cat-and-mouse battle against Britain in the deadly bandit country" on the fron-

For the visitor wandering warily round Belfast's ghettos and the battlegrounds that have made headlines for two decades, there is never much confusion about whose territory you are in. Graffiti, kerbstones and flags make sure of

In a Protestant area, you are greeted by the chilling exhortation "don't be vague, kill a taig (Catholic)."

wall-scrawlers crow over the shooting last month of two senior northern Ireland police officers from the Royal Ulster

Kerbstones are painted red, white and blue in the colours of Britain's flag for the Protestant loyalist areas. The green, white and orange of the Irish tricolour adom nationalist pavements.

Flags are flown from high vantage points in a determined bid to enrage the opposing camp on the other side of the

"They mark out their territory like dogs piddling to put down their own markers. Here the people use aerosol cans but

said sadly as he viewed ghettos with their hearts ripped out. But there is a dash of colour

amid all the drab gloom of bombed-out houses. Nationalists appear to believe in the motto "if it doesn't move, paint it."

dramatic murals glorifying the IRA cause, with guerrillas raising their rifles high and pledging "our day will come." Some have been daubed with orange paint, the colour of the Protestant unionists.

Sectarian hatred still burns

opposite each other.

the way down the street with almost mathematical precision. On one corner, a shop has been blasted by a bomb and left a shattered hulk. On the

have been fire-bombed in re-

taliation. The pattern is con-

stantly repeated. But amid the despondency,

COLUMN

Opera star gets cheering welcome

LONDON (AP) - Amid emotional scenes, the audience at London's Covent Garden Royal Opera House welcomed back Spanish tenor Jose Carreras after his recovery from leukemia. The audience rose and cheered as Carreras, 42, appeared on stage for a two-hour song recital. The crowd demanded encore after encore, stamped and applauded and showered the stage with flowers. Carreras, who says he is fully recovered and "100 per cent perfect," was clearly affected by the warmth of his Tuesday night reception. His leukemia was diagnosed in 1987. At one time doctors gave him a 10 per cent chance of recovery, but after bone marrow transplants and chemotherapy, he was pronounced fit and made his comeback before 150,000 opera lovers in Barcelona last July. Carreras, who now devotes part of his income to an international foundation he has set up to fight leukemia, bowed out with a bouquet of red roses presented on stage by

convention

Sex survey causes uproar

into trouble because of public opposition. U.S. Budget Director Richard Darman, responsible for supervising the survey, has sent it back to the federal health and human services department for re-drafting after hundreds of people complained it would be a gross invasion of their privacy. The survey was originally aimed at collecting more information on AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). It expanded into an exhaustive survey of U.S. sexual habits. An internal memorandum written late last year by Robert Windom, then an issistant secretary for health, said the five-centimetre thick sex questionnaire "necessarily involves explicit and sensitive questions." An accompanying document estimated it would take a little over an hour to answer for someone with one or two lovers in the past year, but far longer for the more promiscuous. Details were requested on every sexual contact over the preceding year. Details were also requested on sexual techniques, birth control methods, associated use of alcohol or drugs, orgasms, attitudes towards religion and family as well as the partner's marital status, job and approximate income. One question asked what an indi-vidual thought of a given statement, such as: "One-night stands can be very enjoyable."

Global weather

(major world cities)

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You are never alone in the ghettos of Belfast

By Paul Majendie

blasted ghettos of Belfast.

Northern Ireland. Curious teenagers, who may

guarded territory.

police and troops against IRA taries against Irish nationalist

Its cameras beam "heli-tele"

IRA funeral.

guerrillas, they added.

In a nationalist ghetto, the

Constabulary (RUC). The grim scorecard reads "IRA 2, they are about as primitive as

dogs," one long-time resident

Their ghettos are covered in

as deep as acid, perhaps best illustrated in a drive down Duncairn gardens, a war-weary street that in army parlance is called an "interface" area -Protestants and Catholics live

You can plot that hatred all opposite side, three houses

a glimmer of Belfast's black humour does shine through. One tobacconist, with his windows barred up in readiness for. the next riot, has Christened his shop" The Last Chance."

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